



# CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

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Thursday, January 22, 1998

## City Attorney issues ruling

# Revenue from income tax can be used for sidewalks

The Grayling City Council now has legal approval to continue spending city income tax revenues for construction and improvement of city sidewalks.

City Attorney David R. Sabin told the council in a formal opinion that a sidewalk is part of a street, and therefore spending city income tax revenues for sidewalks as well as streets is perfectly legal.

Questions have arisen as to the legality of spending income tax funds for sidewalks, despite the city's long standing practice. The city has been spending about \$250,000 a year for sidewalks in recent years.

"The voters of the City of Grayling authorized the adoption of Uniform City Income Tax Ordinance to be 'used only for street, storm sewer, and curb and gutter construction.' The word 'street' is commonly used to indicate a public thoroughfare or highway in a city or village," Sabin wrote.

"It includes or comprehends avenues, boulevards, parkways and the like. The term usually includes within its legal meaning the whole width of the public way, including gutters, curbs, areas devoted to

pedestrian travel, such as sidewalks and grass plots between the sidewalk and the curb line."

Sabin cited a Michigan Motor Vehicle Code definition of sidewalk as "a portion of a street between the curb lines or the lateral lines of roadway, and the adjacent property lines intended for the use of pedestrians."

He continued: "One of the principal objectives of the construction of sidewalks is for safety purposes, i.e. to protect pedestrian traffic. It has long been understood that both pedestrian and vehicular traffic have a right to utilize street right-of-ways and the sidewalk was the simplest form of separating the two modes to prevent naturally resulting conflict of dual use. This becomes particularly critical when the pedestrian traffic are children and there are no sidewalks providing them a safe means of walking from one place to another."

"It has always been, and remains my confident position, that the sidewalks are included in the streets which were to be financed with the proceeds of the tax imposed and enforced by Grayling City Ordinance 72-5. It is further my opinion that the tax dollars are to be

used strictly within the confines of street construction."

Council members were satisfied with Sabin's ruling.

Mayor Ralph Stephens said the ruling seems "to end that argument."

Council member D.J. Brown, who had asked repeatedly for a legal opinion, said "it's good to have this on the record." She said it would be helpful as "a basis for answering questions."

With the legal barrier out of the way, Council Member Marilyn Palmer moved that the city renew the sidewalk program this year, although the council two weeks ago unanimously had voted for no sidewalk program in 1998.

Palmer suggested the no-sidewalk vote had been prompted by questions of possible illegality, but Council Member Bob Goltick, who had made the motion two weeks ago, insisted that was not the reason. Instead, Goltick said, the city needs a review of where street conditions now stand — an "inventory" of street needs, he said.

Stephens and Council member Bob Ruddy agreed with Goltick's reasoning, and Palmer withdrew her motion.



**TRUCK ROLLS** -- Driver Jeff Scott was not injured when a county salt truck rolled over and spilled its load of on M-72 west of Grayling. The truck was not seriously damaged either. Photo by Betty Pearl.

## Salt truck hits a cold shoulder

by Cheryl A. Ruley,  
Special Writer

"These kinds of accidents rarely occur," remarked Jim Briney manager of the Road Commission for Crawford County.

The accident he was referring to occurred around 8:30 am on Thursday, Jan. 22, when a county salt truck was travelling east on M-72, just west of Lake Margrethe.

Jeff Scott, driver of the truck, had the underbody blade lowered to clear snow from the shoulder of

the road. The blade lodged itself in the shoulder, causing the truck to roll over into the ditch.

Scott was wearing his seatbelt and was not injured.

The truck sustained minor damage to the exhaust pipe on the side of the cab, some scratches and a dent in the hood. Apparently, the snow in the ditch cushioned and protected the truck from more extensive damage.

Using a crane, the Road Commission had the truck righted

in about an hour.

No fuel or oil spilled from the truck, but some salt mixture had to be cleaned up in the aftermath.

Briney said commission mechanics would perform a safety check of the 10-yard Ford heavy main truck and get it back on the road as soon as possible.

The commission uses 18 trucks of this kind, which Briney calls "the core of the commission's fleet" for year-round road maintenance.

## Junior Miss pageant set Feb. 7

The Grayling Junior Miss Pageant will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7, at Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School. Twelve young ladies who are high school juniors are competing for this year's title.

Along with the Junior Miss title, several other awards will be present-

ed, including: Talent, spirit, scholastic achievement, evening gown, and fitness.

The 1998 event marks the 69th year of a pageant in Grayling. The American Business Women Association, Grayling Chapter, has been sponsoring the scholarship pageant and program since 1991.

Prior to that, the pageant crowned a Grayling Snow Queen or a Miss Grayling.

Three scholarships will be awarded this year.

Tickets are available at the door for \$9. Further information is available from Sandra Moore, pageant director, at 348-2154.

## Snowmobile accident on lonely trail sends White Lake woman to hospital

Kristin K. Rempe, who lives in White Lake but spends part of the year at a second home in Grayling, was injured and hospitalized after a snowmobile accident Sunday afternoon (Jan. 25) southeast of Grayling.

According to reports from the Crawford County sheriff's department, here's how it happened:

Kristin Rempe and her husband, George, were riding their new snowmobiles on a little used trail off Pine Oak Ln., about a half-mile south of Jones Lake Rd.

George Rempe, in the lead, drove his machine out of a woods and over a drift about three feet high with no problem. Kristin Rempe was following and apparently accelerated her machine as she was going over the snow pile, the snowmobile

catapulted, and landed hard.

Ms. Rempe rolled off the machine, but was unable to move further. Her husband stayed with her for about a half hour, waiting for help on the trail which is not regularly marked. When no help appeared, George Rempe started back up the trail to look for aid.

That's when the Rempes' luck changed, through a series of fortunate coincidences.

Just a short way from the scene of the accident, Rempe met another snowmobiler, Mike Shearer, who happens to work at Crawford County's central dispatch service, and who happened to have his radio with him. Shearer called in the emergency.

Here's where the second bit of luck came into play.

Deputy David V. Krug, the sheriff's special snowmobile deputy, just happened to be checking into the Lovells Trail Header before heading out to Frederic, when he heard the radio report of the Rempe accident. He was only a few minutes away from the accident scene, and he just happened to be towing the department's specially equipped rescue sled at the time.

Krug reached the isolated scene in a hurry, and Ms. Rempe was hauled out of the woods and to the waiting EMS ambulance, which also had responded to Shearer's call for help.

Ms. Rempe was taken to Mercy Hospital in Grayling, arriving only about 30 minutes after the first radio call for assistance.

First indications were that Ms. Rempe suffered from compressed vertebrae, and she was transferred the same day to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, where her condition Tuesday (Jan. 27) was listed as "fair to good."

Officer Krug commented that without the coincidences which brought quick help, Ms. Rempe might have been stranded for hours on the seldom used snowmobile trail.

## Beaver Creek Treasurer named to City Hall post

Terry McGregor is moving from the township hall to the city hall.

McGregor, Beaver Creek Township treasurer, has been appointed Grayling City Treasurer, and will begin work Feb. 2 in City Hall.

However, she plans to carry on with her Township duties "for a while ... it depends on how it goes." She said the city has a legal opinion that there is no conflict between the appointed post as City Treasurer and the elective job as Township Treasurer.

Her appointment was announced by City Manager Jerry W. Morford at the Monday (Jan. 26) meeting of Grayling City Council.

"I am very pleased and excited to be given this opportunity to serve as City Treasurer, and I look forward to getting to know and working with all the city employees," McGregor said.

"Everyone I have met to date has been very accommodating and kind

through this whole process.

"I have enjoyed serving the people of Beaver Creek Township as Treasurer for the past 14 years, and feel that my experience will help me

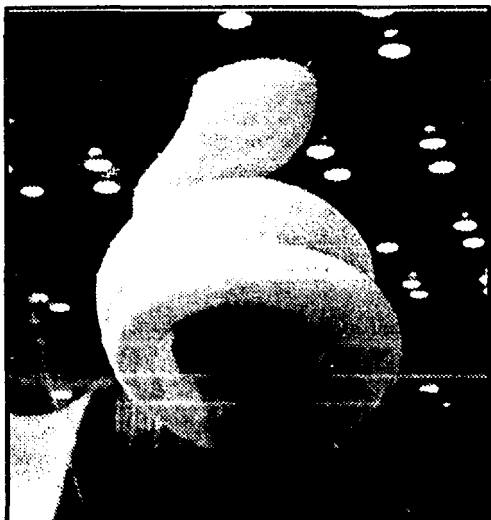
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**OFF TO THE CIRCUS** -- Two busloads of Crawford fifth graders went to the Shrine Circus in Saginaw last week. Front row, from left: Anna Lepsy, Crystal Callahan, Greg Petrie, Daniel Rozanski. Middle row: Ashley Prosser, Nicole Roman, Brittany Bennett, Kelly Rogers, Josh Eagan. Russell Peters, Angela Ly. Back: Shanell Adair, T. J. Luke, Ruth Mills, June Clark, Doug Flicker.

All photos by Shirley Schmoock

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**SNAKE HAT** -- Tony English of Grayling Elementary found this foolish snake hat at the Shriner Circus.



**OUR PAL** -- These four young fans found a pal in a Shriner elephant. From left: Calvin Trudgeon, Jimmy Jansen, Trevor Kitchen, Chris Squire.

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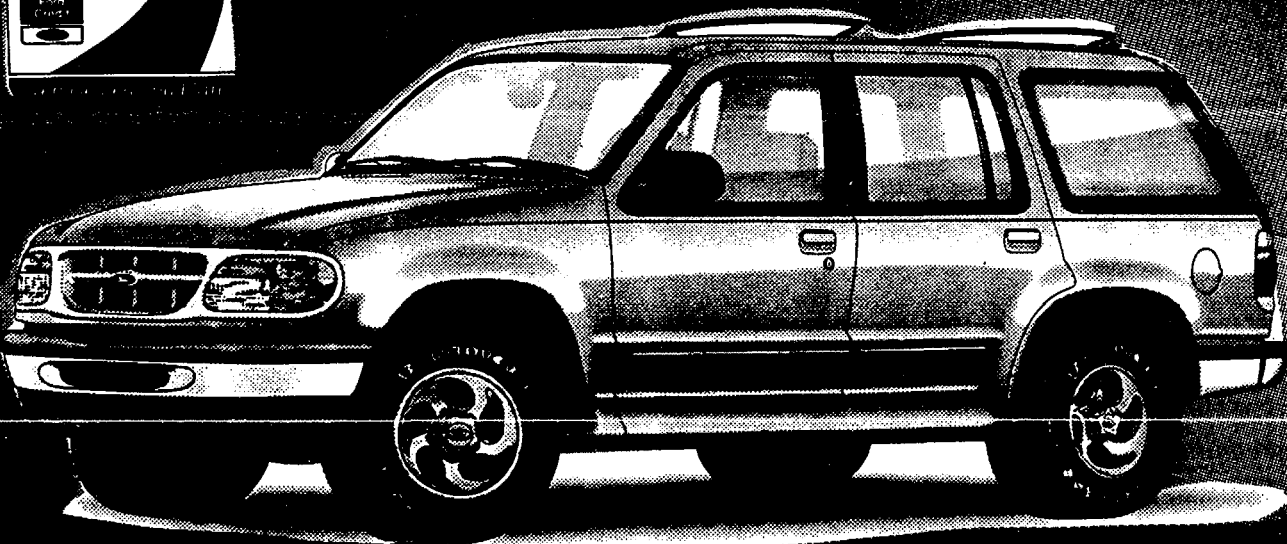
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## Wayward weather balloon falls, but nobody claims it

by Shirley D. Schmoock  
Special Writer

Who owns the weather balloon? Nobody seems to know.

"It was just hanging on the power lines," recalled Dennis Long, City of Grayling Policeman. "We called Consumers Power and they came right out."

The remains of the weather balloon were suspended upon the power lines behind the Grayling Primary School on Thursday evening, Jan. 8. A crew from Consumers Energy removed the device, and Eric Kersey, Data Acquisition Program Manager for the U. S. Weather Service in Waters, came to retrieve it from the Grayling Police Station.

"It wasn't our balloon," he explained, "and it didn't belong to MSU either." Kersey said he thought it might belong to the military, mentioning that it was "about the size of a milk carton with aluminum panels and wires sticking out the sides."

Col. Gary McConnell of Camp Grayling said he'd check it out, but could shed no light whatever on the possibility the device might belong to the military. "We have nothing to do with them here," he claimed, "but it could have come from about anywhere."

"Our equipment packages," confirmed Kersey, "are quite a bit larger than this one, and they usually measure 6 by 4 by 10 inches. Overall, the Styrofoam pack it comes in doesn't weigh much — the whole package only weighs about 600 grams. We have return mailing envelopes tucked inside for convenience. They're not dangerous and we'd like them back."

Kersey said there are a hundred sites in Michigan alone that release the weather data collectors. "We record temperature, pressure, humidity and winds, before the balloon breaks. They can rise to 96,000 feet. That's about 18 miles up," he said.

He said that the packages sent coded messages and give the Weather Service "a three-dimensional look at the atmosphere. They're all released at the same time, and there are thousands of sites all over the world which record the weather simultaneously. We have them on ships, oil rigs, and the military has them. With the information we receive, we're able to prepare national map charts, and it's like going from dot-to-dot."

Kersey said the instrument packages cost about \$150 each, and with the return mail information, the weather service can retrieve many of them, rework, then use them over again. "It's really the cheapest way to do it," he added.

There has been a consolidation of weather stations recently. There are now four: One in Marquette which serves 25 counties in the Northern Michigan, one in Waters, which serves 23 counties in the Northern Lower Peninsula including Grayling, one in Pontiac, and the last in Grand Rapids.

## Bill to legalize concealed weapon

Rep. Allen Lowe will discuss concealed weapons legislation Feb. 5 with the Northland Sportsmen's Club in Gaylord.

The 7 p.m. forum is sponsored by the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners. The public is invited to the event at the club on Old Alba Road.

Lowe (R-Grayling) said the eight-bill package is scheduled to be introduced in early February. The legislation allows law-abiding Michigan residents with no criminal record to carry a concealed weapon.

"We should not trample on liberties our founding fathers fought to secure," Lowe said. "The right to bear arms is a fundamental right that must be preserved."

## Terry McGregor of Beaver Creek selected new Grayling Treasurer

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to become an effective and valued

member of the management team for the City of Grayling."

The treasurer's job has been vacant since the resignation in November of Verna Meharg. The new treasurer will be paid \$32,000 a year. As Township Treasurer, McGregor is paid \$16,500, and serves part time.

McGregor has been the elected treasurer of Beaver Creek Township for 14 years. Prior to that, she was deputy treasurer and secretary for two years.

She has resigned from the Crawford County Housing Commission after four years in that appointive post.

She came to Grayling 27 years ago from Mt. Clemens. She and her husband, Tex McGregor, have three sons: Brett is a senior at University of Michigan, studying engineering; Ryan, 21, is a computer program designer in Gaylord; and Wade, 10, is a fourth grader at Grayling Elementary School.

Terry McGregor also is a Level II assessor, but will not handle assessing duties for the city, Morford said.

Morford said the city received 22 applications for the job, including "two local applications who were highly qualified." He said he was "glad to hire local this time."

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# Crawford-AuSable High School update Plans taking shape for renovation

by Shirley D. Schmoock  
Special Writer

As Crawford-AuSable School officials deal with an aging facility and rising student numbers, an architectural plan is taking shape to relieve most of the irritating congestion at Grayling High School. Classroom and storage space in the building are at a premium too, and the plan aims to address these problems, as well.

School officials are aiming toward a vote in a few more months on remodeling and expanding the Grayling High School.

Talk of relocating the boiler/mechanical room has been discussed, although it's a costly proposition. But so is everything being discussed at the weekly meetings of school administrators, school board members, and the school's architects, who are all hoping to make the future a better place for students and staff. The students are expected to be brought into the planning process.

The need for a new heating/cooling plant has been established. But again, decisions are yet to be made with regard to the new floor plan in order to facilitate any workable idea as it relates to adding to the old system, which may be necessary.

Months of planning meetings, however, have established certain criteria for the reconfiguration or

renovation of the building. Some early conclusions are:

- If a new corridor is added to the outside of the building on the south side, student traffic could flow more easily to the science/media wing. Going up through the middle of the building now to reach that area can be chaotic.

- If a portion of the old boiler room is converted to student circulation space, it would help the traffic congestion near the current gymnasium/auditorium. The only common area now is near the front door of the building.

- If a side (north) entrance were created on the parking lot side of the building, this new space could accommodate the majority of the gym/auditorium/cafe traffic. This area would then become the events entrance and remove much of the congestion from the current front office portion of the building to an area more capable of handling the flow. The front entrance would also be enlarged and made more appealing.

- If a new cafeteria were added to the plan — the current cafeteria is basically a microwave sort of kitchen area and not a cafeteria in a pure sense — the student traffic could be better channeled away from other areas already experiencing intense traffic jams. There is currently no adequate "point of

congregation" in the school except in the hallways, which are already crammed to capacity.

- If the current gymnasium were expanded and the new design turned it north/south, the school would have not only a regulation court, but the building could then accommodate a combination of several practice areas, not currently possible.

- With the growth of girls athletics, current facilities are too small to grow further. An expansion would create new opportunities.

- If new locker rooms were built into the plan of an expanded gymnasium facility, storage of high-density equipment such as that required by the football program, would not have to be moved every season. Permanent space could be assigned each team, and the congestion in this area would be nearly eliminated.

Arriving at a commons area for athletic or media events would also greatly relieve the entire building of its obligations to serve the public efficiently. The Joseph Stripe Auditorium at the High School is used for so many miscellaneous and cultural events outside the sports area, an improved design of the entire building would benefit the entire community.

The essence of the emerging plan is this:

- Six classrooms are required for the science/marketing/technology wing. The science laboratories and classroom space for these areas is inadequate.

- The roof and heating/cooling plant must be updated and made to suit the building plan of the future.

- A new cafeteria area should be included in the plan to serve the student population and to meet future needs of an expanding student body.

- An expansion of the current gymnasium should be considered to bring the school building onto the current playing field required to serve a full athletics curriculum.

Thinking ahead is central to the future plans for the Crawford-AuSable High School. The economy has improved in past years, and many visitors are looking at the area as a target for permanent residency — not just a place to vacation two weeks a year.

Athletic events often seem to dominate small towns, but the continuing rise of cultural events could become more prevalent.

As the language for the bond issue is being considered, and it is now in its preliminary qualification stages at this writing, school leaders are soliciting questions and suggestions from parents, citizens and students.

## Frederic fills elementary Spanish class

At last week's meeting of the Crawford AuSable District School board, Frederic Elementary Principal Melvin "Pat" Nunn reported that 17 students enrolled in the Spanish class and five are on the waiting list.

An art class, sponsored by Kirtland Community College, is taught by Mike Waters. They are currently working with 3-D art and clay modeling.



**BIG RIGS READY** -- Trucks such as those shown above will provide a classroom for would-be truck drivers in Kirtland's program for truck driver training.

## CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

by Tracie Compton

The Crawford County Library recently added four new series to the current video collection: *Six wives of Henry the VIII*, *Antiques Road Show*, *Mapp and Lucia*, and *The Macaulay Collection*.

*Six Wives of Henry the VIII* is six plays written by six different authors depicting the six different wives: Catherine Howard, Anne of Cleves, Jane Seymour, Anne Boylan, Catherine of Aragon and Catherine Parr.

*Antiques Road Show* has antiques specialist Chris Jussel traveling the country with his team of appraisers giving advice on what America likes to collect.

*Mapp and Lucia* is based on E.F. Benson's novel about social rivalry and absurdities of English life between the wars.

*The Macaulay Collection* contains the four titles, *Pyramid*, *Castle*, *Cathedral* and *Roman City*. David Macaulay hosts the videos and is also the writer and illustrator of the books.

*Cabin Fever* continues at the Crawford County Libraries with coupons by McDonald's of Grayling until March 6. For more information call 348-9214.

The Crawford County Library is open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Kirtland offers new course for truck driver training

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Sessions are limited to four prospective drivers who are carefully screened. The teacher-pupil ratio is 1-4 in the intensive five-

week, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. course which totals 206 hours.

If interested you'll need to get your name in by calling either KCC at (517) 275-5121, ext. 210, or ITS at 1-800-448-7107. The Jan. 26 session is already filled and eight names are on the waiting list.

The International Trucking School, now in its eighth year, is owned by Fran Bernard and is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training, the Michigan Truck Safety Commission and the Professional Truck Driver's Institute of America.

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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

### Senator in space: Misguided effort

**THE FIRST** American to orbit Earth is getting ready to blast off again.

Sen. John Glenn of Ohio will return to space flight next autumn, thus putting a nice concluding book-end to his public career. He'll be 77 at the time of the flight.

Back in 1962, aboard the Friendship 7 space capsule, Astronaut John Glenn made history with a three orbit trip circling Earth.

After a distinguished military and space career, Mr. Glenn has been trying almost ever since to take another space flight.

Now, nearing the end of his second career in politics after four terms in the U.S. Senate, he has convinced NASA and he's set to blast off again in October.

Why? Well, because Sen. Glenn wants to go, it appears, and he's earned the privilege.

But officially, it's because of the scientific and medical benefits to be reaped from studying the results of space travel on the aging process.

Huh?

IT'S A NICE gesture to grant Sen. Glenn his plea for another

flight. But isn't there some better use that could be made of the Octobers space flight?

Even if there are some interesting findings about the aging process, so what?

How many 70-year olds will be taking off into space, so that the results of the Glenn research have any realistic application?

The Detroit News refers to the Glenn flight as "the ultimate congressional junket." That about sums it up.

This is no knock on John Glenn. He's an outstanding American who has made significant contributions to his country, in the air and in space, as well as in the U.S. Senate. He would have made a fine President, and it's always been one of politics great mysteries (at least to this writer) why his brief campaign for President never took flight.

But enough is enough. This latest Glenn space shot looks like a misuse of taxpayer dollars.

FREE PASSES — I see by the papers some good government types are up in arms that Northville Downs race track gives two free sea-

son passes to each member of the Michigan Legislature.

It's a \$1,400 gift and clearly an ethical violation of public trust goes the argument.

The value is assumed because that's how much it would cost to get two people into the race track every day it's open.

In the first place, no legislator is going to go the track every day, let alone use \$1,400 worth of freebies. The lawmakers can pass them out to staff and constituents, which is what most do unless they just stuff them into a drawer and forget about them.

The free pass deal is neither new nor unusual, nor is it a serious ethical question, especially from an enterprise such as horse racing which likes to consider itself as "part of the agricultural industry" and is treated that way by long-standing practice in Michigan government.

Improvement of the breed, you know.

IF HORSE track passes don't pass scrutiny, then neither do some other fringe benefits of public office, such as preferred treatment

or even free tickets to university events, such as football and basketball games, or other private sporting endeavors, or golf outings. The list could go on and on.

Free passes to the track shouldn't be of great concern. Anyone who would sell a vote for one or two passes would sell it a dozen times over for almost anything else.

Instead of getting overly excited about a relative flea, more attention should be paid to an obvious elephant — that is, the huge amounts of money raised and spent on campaigns and elections in Michigan.

That's where much more evil is done to the governmental system, and it cries for correction.

TIMES CHANGE? — A closing thought, courtesy of Rotary Magazine:

In the 1930s, one could see two movies for a dime. Nowadays, we can pay \$600 or so for a TV and what do we see?

Those same two movies.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

# EDITOR

## Electric deregulation may change our lives

To the editor:

Are you aware our state government is about to make a decision that will greatly change how we live? Deregulation of the electric industry. If it works out as many of us expect, we will have less service and cost more money to the residential customer. According to Attorney General Kelley, no one is representing us behind the closed door meeting. Senator McManus says we might not see a savings.

We have deregulation of cable hasn't improved the cable, just cost more, and deregulation of the telephone has brought things like slamming, like I just had done to me. Unbeknown to me, my long distance carrier was changed and not put on my phone bill for three months, so instead of paying 10 cents a minute, billed at six second increments, I paid 27 cents a minute, for the whole minute if I only talked one second.

We aren't playing on a level playing field as environmental conditions in states where the power is

produced is not as strict as ours, plus the Michigan people want clean air and water but will allow import into the state, power generated otherwise. That is counterproductive. big industry will not keep their savings in the local area either. Why do you think Top O' Michigan is competing with private industry in many other areas? Other utilities are doing telephone switching.

We are chasing our linemen out of state to make a living, and then when a storm hits like out east, it is 5-7 days before they can borrow crews from other states. Remember they have deregulation out there and now borrowed over 800 crews and no one cares that big industry can save 25-30% on their bill. All they want is the power back on. I know as my husband and son are out in New York working to help these people, and by the grace of God, it could have been us. It was predicted to be us, too.

Myrtle Abney, Grayling

## Editor advised to correct spelling of 'Evon' name

To the editor:

I have just received my copy of your paper dated January 8, 1998 and AGAIN you have misspelled my Grandson's name!!

From the pages of the Avalanche 1997 Year in Review page 4B, you continue to call my grandson "Mat Evon"!! This is MATT EVON,

spelled EVON, pronounced "E"-VON.

Would you please make corrections to your files, so that at least you can spell the names of the students and athletes correct.

Arthur P. Evon, Jr., North Las Vegas

## THOUGHTS ON ROW VS. WADE

by State Rep. Allen Lowe

### Decision cheapened sanctity of life

We live in a society where many babies are as disposable as the diapers they wear. This attitude gained its foothold 25 years ago this month when the U.S. Supreme Court issued the Roe vs. Wade decision.

By legalizing most abortions, the justices cheapened the value of every human and degraded the sanctity of life. As we mark this tragic and landmark anniversary, the case's devastating impact continues to haunt us.

Although our Declaration of Independence talks about "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," all three privileges are denied to a baby forming in a mother's womb. We label this person a fetus and postpone constitutional protections until after birth. Judges have decided that a mother's reproductive choice supersedes a child's inalienable rights, including the right to life.

The culture of death goes well beyond the children who are aborted

at clinics throughout the country. Consider the teen-agers who tossed their infant in the trash bin shortly after he was born or the New Jersey girl who left her newborn to die in a catering hall bathroom while returning to dance at her high-school prom.

These heinous acts should not surprise us. Children are eliminated every day simply because it is not a convenient time for them to be born.

For a quarter of a century, pro-abortion activists have pushed to increase the procedure's accessibility. They have been 'cruelly efficient.

The medical procedure has exploded into a draconian form of birth control that has decimated a generation. More than 30 million children have been aborted since Roe vs. Wade, and there is no end in sight for this modern Holocaust.

Although President Clinton and others maintain they want abortions to be "safe but rare," they defiantly

resist any attempt to regulate the practice. Repeated attempts to outlaw partial-birth abortions, a procedure that repulses most Americans, are vetoed. When state lawmakers enact such bans, or voters approve them in statewide referendums, liberal activists thwart the will of the people and bottle the reforms in endless court cases.

The same extremists tell lies and censor the truth in their endless desire to preserve the status quo. Last year, a prominent activist publicly confessed that he misrepresented the number of partial-birth abortions in an attempt to prove their rarity.

Just a few weeks ago, three California television stations refused to air commercials discussing the issue — even though no offensive photographs were included. The same network affiliates that claimed the ads were too graphic regularly show police dramas dis-

playing human carnage of every kind.

The hypocrites may censor the truth on the public airwaves but they cannot ignore the prick of the conscience. Those condoning practices that crush the innocent should heed the warnings of Psalm 94:8: "Understand ye brutish among the people and ye fools, when will ye be wise? He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? He that formed the eye, shall he not see?"

Evil practices wreak havoc on a citizenry. Slavery was the defining issue of America's last century and it ceased only after a bloody civil war.

Abortion cannot be disposed of as easily as a diaper, and its smell continues to offend. Thanks to Roe vs. Wade, this matter of life and liberty will remain our predominate concern in the 21st century and our pursuit of happiness will be forever troubled until it is resolved.

## Long time reader surprised by fence across sidewalk

To the editor:

Mrs. Wilson (Nee Margrethe Jean Michelson) and I were unpleasantly surprised to hear about the new homeowner's fence across the old "neighborhood sidewalk" that our Lake Margrethe summer cottage has shared with many others for so many years. But we were pleased to see your reportage in the Dec. 31 Avalanche.

You were wise to cover the various "sides" involved in the "controversy." We are surprised that a newcomer to the area could have been so obtuse about the neighborhood significance of an obviously long-standing paved walkway.

Others have probably told you by now that the "Ralph Fortier" (sic)

mentioned in your story is probably Ralph Hanson Routier, an old friend now living in Tucson, Ariz.

We were interested to see that you spelled Mrs. Wilson's family name "Mickelson," which we understand is the way it used to be spelled by her grandfather, before a clerk in his lumber company inadvertently changed the "k" to "h" for a new letterhead many years ago.

As the original "editor" of "Ripples from Lake Margrethe," I'm glad to see you have resuscitated it — a most important asset in building and retaining LMPOA membership.

Andrew F. Wilson, Northville

## HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

### When is frost bite a factor?

Q: My children love to play outside even in the coldest weather. Should I worry about frostbite?

Signed: Worried Mom

When freezing winter temperatures keep most adults indoors to escape the cold, many children want to play outdoors. Children may be so wrapped up in their winter play that they may want to stay outside

all day. Because of this, parents and caregivers need to supervise their children's winter play.

The National Safe Kids Campaign offers the following suggestions to protect children from frostbite this winter:

• Dress children warmly in several thin layers such as thermal long underwear, turtlenecks, one or two

shirts, pants, sweaters, coat, warm socks, boots, gloves or mittens and a hat.

• Set time limits for outdoor play. Call them in frequently to warm up with a warm drink or snack.

• When possible, avoid taking infants outdoors when it is colder than 40 degrees since infants lose body heat quickly.

• If a child complains of numbness or pain in the fingers or toes, nose, cheeks, or ears while playing in the snow or if their skin in blistered, hard to touch or glossy, parents or caregivers should be alerted to the possibility of frostbite and take the following steps: bring child indoors, consult a physician, tell the child to wiggle the body parts to increase blood supply to that area, warm the frozen parts against the body if possible (such as, hold the fingers to the chest), immerse the frozen parts in warm (not hot) water.

Frozen skin is very fragile and can be damaged easily. Consequently it SHOULD NOT BE RUBBED nor warmed with high heat from radiators or fireplaces. Do not break any blisters.

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## Betty asks...

### Question of the week:

What do you think of the latest accusations against our President?

**Jim Scollin**  
Boyer City, MI  
"With all of 'The Players', I hope he has a big enough score card."

**Ruth Doyle**  
Grayling, MI  
"Remember...you're innocent until proven guilty."

**Ron Joyce**  
Grayling, MI  
"I hope for the benefit of our younger generation that these accusations are untrue. If true, we are destroying the moral fabric of government in general."

**Cheri Raley**  
Grayling, MI  
"If you can get kicked out of the military for committing adultery, why can the President remain in office for doing the same thing? I feel sorry for Chelsea."

**There you have it...Remember, if you don't lie, you don't have to remember anything.**

*Betty Pearl*  
Advertising Representative  
Crawford County Avalanche

**This week's question was asked Friday in the Grayling area**



# BRIEFS

## Camp's Representative to visit

A representative for Congressman Dave Camp will be visiting the Grayling Township Hall on Jan. 30, 1998. Brent Neubecker will be meeting constituents between 2-3 p.m. to discuss any federal issue or matter. The Township Hall is located on 2090 Viking Way, Grayling. If you are unable to attend, but wish to discuss a federal matter, please call 1-800-342-2455.

## Grief support group starting

Munson Hospice and Kalkaska Community Mental Health Center are co-sponsoring a new grief support group that will begin meeting Monday, Feb. 2.

Sister Augusta Stratz, MSW, CSW, and Scott Bauer-Anstadt, DSW, ACSW will facilitate the group, which plans to meet the first, second and third Mondays every month, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., at St. Mary's of the Woods church in Kalkaska.

For more information, call Sister Augusta at (616) 258-5133.

## Lions Lucky 13 winner

Lions Lucky 13 winner for this week is Hugh Ingram, winning \$100.

## NARFE to meet

The local chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Chapter 2305 will meet Thursday, Feb. 5 at the Iron Gate Restaurant in Grayling. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. with the business meeting starting at approximately 12:15 p.m. Membership is open to civilians with at least five years vested service in any agency of federal of District of Columbia government, including retirees, former employees, current employees and spouses, and surviving spouses.

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has implemented a new toll-free automated telephone system that allows retirees and survivors to make certain transactions and/or obtain information about their retirement account without the need to speak with a customer service specialist. The new toll-free number is 1-888-767-6738. Each retiree and survivor has been given a personal identification number (PIN).

## Promise Keepers meeting

The AuSable Crawford County and area Promise Keepers will be meeting at 8 a.m., on Jan. 31, 1998, at the Lake Margarethe Full Gospel Church. Breakfast will be served. We'll praise God in song and Pastor James Kerr will be the speaker.

The church is located on James Street, behind the BP gas station, next to Reliable Supply Store.

For information call (517) 348-7695.

## Society of Mayflower Descendants

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan is sponsoring its second winter family outing Saturday, Feb. 21, at Cedar Bend Farm, Mancelona. Cedar Bend Farm is an early American plantation and northern frontier homestead located at 1171 B. Doerr Road at Mancelona, just off US-131. The event begins with a reception at 11:30 a.m. and is followed by a colonial dinner at noon, presented by servers in 1700s dress and including traditional dishes. Price for the meal is \$15 per person. Following lunch, attendees will be free to explore the farm and watch any demonstrations in progress. Reservations may be made by sending a check, made payable to Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan to Lois Bienlien, 1440 N. Huron, Tawas City 48763-9407. Reservations must be received no later than Feb. 14. Genealogy enthusiasts who are interested in joining the Mayflower Society may obtain membership information from State Historian Joyce Lower, 356 Lake Park, Birmingham, MI 48009.

## Shuttle service for Chamber raffle

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce \$10,000 Raffle will take place on Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Holiday Inn. This is the major fundraising event of the year for the Chamber. The doors open at 6 p.m. A shuttle service will be available for those attending. The parking lot of the Grayling Mini mall will be the pick up and drop off point for transportation on a Crawford County Transportation Authority bus. The hours of operation for the shuttle will be 5:45-7:15 p.m. and 10:30-midnight. Using the shuttle will ease crowded parking at the Holiday Inn. The Citizen of the Year, Athena Award and Silver Lining Award will be presented during the course of the evening. A limited number of raffle tickets are available at the Chamber office. Ticket holders who have not already arranged for seating should contact the Chamber.

## Adrian honors Grayling pair

Two students from Grayling were among 222 students named to Adrian College's 1997 Fall Semester Dean's List.

To achieve this honor, a student must maintain a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, and carry at least 12 credit hours of classes.

Brooke I. Blaauw, a sophomore planning a major in human services, is a 1996 graduate of Grayling High School. She is the daughter of Jed and Mary Kay Blaauw of W. North Down River Rd.

Dennis R. Gugin, a freshman planning a major in business administration and marketing, is a 1997 graduate of Grayling High School. He is the son of Gary and Margaret Gugin of Hulbert Rd., Frederic.

Adrian College is a highly regarded, independent liberal arts institution in southeastern Michigan.



**NO TAKERS** -- For several weeks, Grayling was crying for more snow so the community could carry on with its great winter traditions. But enough is enough! At DuBois Lumber, this sign was erected for "Free Snow," but Tom McPherson had no luck even in giving it away. Photo by Betty Pearl.

## Animal group seeking funds

Area businesses are invited to join the Concerned Citizens for Animals (CCFA) in its "Have a heart for the animals" fundraiser, which begins Feb. 14 — Valentine's Day — and runs to the end of the month.

Sample hearts which customers can purchase for \$1 — then write the name of a pet or person on them — would be displayed in the business for the remainder of the month.

"This is an excellent way for both businesses and customers to actively show their support" for the efforts of

the CCFA, a northern Michigan-based organization that works to help control the over population of pets and to end the senseless killing of "surplus" animals, according to Dixie Lobsinger, animal shelter director.

For the past five years, CCFA has run a discount spay-neuter program through which 30 to 40 animals and their owners are helped financially every month. That's nearly 500 animals per year that are being spayed or neutered in Crawford County and surrounding areas.

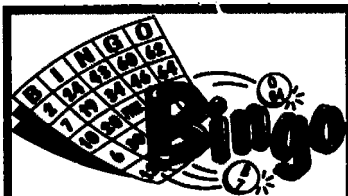
The program is costly, but there has been a marked reduction in the number of puppies and kittens at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, said Lobsinger, shelter director. Nobody is excluded from receiving a spay-neuter certificate from CCFA.

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## Corrections

Corrections June Clark, a fifth grader at Frederic Elementary School, took part in the recent Knights of Columbus spelling bee. A story in the Jan. 22 issue of *The Avalanche* mistakenly reported that no students from Frederic were in the bee. *The Avalanche* is sorry we left June's name off the list, and we apologize for any embarrassment it may have caused her or the school.

Also in the Jan. 22 edition, *The Avalanche* reported that the picture of the ice throne at the Grayling Winter Carnival which appeared on Page 1-B was taken in 1962. In fact, the ice throne pictured is from 1941. However, the ice throne was 62 feet tall, which is how we got our figures mixed up. We apologize for the error, and any inconvenience it may have caused anyone.



**Wednesday - 11 am**  
**Grayling Eagles**  
**Auxiliary #3465**  
Eagles Club, 602 Huron  
Grayling

**Wednesday - 6:30 pm**  
**Knights of**  
**Columbus**  
K of C Hall, 604 Norway  
Grayling

**Thursday - 7 pm**  
**American**  
**Legion Hall**  
Post 106 - Grayling

**Friday - 6:30 pm**  
**Grayling Eagles**  
**Aerie #3465**  
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## JANUARY 1998

4th Grade Vocal Music Concert  
Wednesday, February 4, 1998

THURS 29	•TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Mary Kay, 348-1398. •FRESH BBB vs. West Branch Ogemaw Heights, away, 6 pm. •MS BBB vs. Surline, 7th home, 8th away •VAR WRESTLING vs. Pinconning & Tawas @ Tawas, 6 pm.
FRI 30	•VAR & JV BBB vs. Gladwin, away, 6:15 pm.
SAT 31	•VAR WRESTLING @ Whittemore Prescott Invitational, 10 am.

## FEBRUARY 1998

SUN 1	•ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today. •NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S WEEK.
MON 2	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •FRESH BBB vs. Gladwin, home, 6 pm. •JV VOLLEYBALL vs. Gladwin, away, 6 pm. •MS BBB vs. Gladwin, 7th away, 8th home. •AP/GE Parents Group meeting @ GE conference room, 6:30 pm.
TUES 3	•AUSABLE RIVER Canoe Marathon joint meeting @ Mio AuSable Restaurant, 7 pm. •ADHD PARENTS' support group meeting @ 615 S. Elm, Gaylord, 7 pm. Call (517) 732-3529 for more information. •GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •VAR & JV BBB vs. Tawas, home, 6:15 pm. •CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY Christian Help Center meeting @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 9-11 am. Cathy & Rita will be hostesses, with reflection by Kurt Tucker.
WED 4	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •LIONS CLUB meeting @ Breaker's Steak House, 6:30 pm. •VAR VOLLEYBALL vs. Gladwin & Pinconning, home, 6 pm. •4TH GRADE vocal music concert, 7 pm, GE gym.

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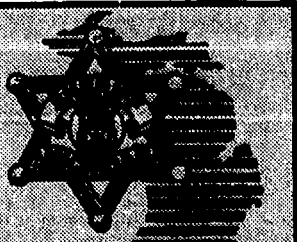
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## CRAWFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT



One criminal sexual conduct, two assaults, three burglary, three larceny, two fraud, three property damage, eight public peace, three OUIL/OUID, one citation and 11 health and safety.

Two InvaPriv, four miscellaneous crimes, three minors, one runaway, one insane, 16 accidents, two non-traffic accidents, 10 snowmobiles, and one false alarms.

One InspOther, four civil/FT, six SuspSit, one lost and found, two missing persons, two general assistance and 21 general non-criminal calls.

Total number of calls to the Crawford County Sheriff's office for the week of Jan. 19 through Jan. 26, 1998, is 114.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Beer Selling Frogs

From the Calvary Baptist Church

A few weeks ago we wrote an article about the big government fight against tobacco. President Clinton and vice-president Al Gore are laboring to curtail the use of tobacco among teenagers. Current statistics indicate smoking may shorten the life of a person by 6 or 7 years. Then we gave the reported statistics by Bill Bennett indicating homosexuals may shorten their lives by 30 years. Since sodomy appears to be much more dangerous to teenagers than smoking, we raised the question if political correctness is the real issue involved. We concluded by saying, "Teenagers have more reasons to fear a sodomite degenerate than a Joe Camel."

Now there is controversy over whether a "finger-flipping frog" can stay on beer labels. The prestigious U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals held that the New York State Liquor Authority violated the U.S. Constitution by banning Bad Frog Brewery from selling beer with the provocative label. The "bad" frog gesture pictured on the label is known in the United States as "giving the finger" or "flipping the bird." The lower district court had found the frog's ges-

ture "connotes a patently offensive suggestion, presumably a suggestion to have intercourse with one's self." But the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the lower court ruling because of First Amendment protections for commercial speech. The court said, "State's prohibition did not materially advance its asserted interest in insulating children from vulgarity or promoting temperance."

The question should have been, if Joe Camel is dangerous to teenagers for promoting tobacco, then is a frog even more dangerous when promoting beer? Of the Americans in jails and prisons, millions committed their crimes while under the influence of alcohol. This is especially true of violent crimes. Even before the birth of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), statistics showed that alcohol was involved in over half of our automobile accident fatalities. Alcohol is a common factor leading to battered wives, abused children and broken homes. Alcohol is a common factor in rape and pregnancy.

God says: (Proverbs 20:1) "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not

wise." (Proverbs 23:29-32) "Who hath sorrow? who hath sorrow? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? (30) They that tarry long at the wine: they that go to seek mixed wine. (31) Look not thou upon the wine when it is red when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. (32) At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Alcohol abuse also has eternal consequences: (1 Corinthians 6:10) "Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." This is why God commands the Christian: (Ephesians 5:18) "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess: but be filled with the Spirit."

The government receives little criticism when attacking Joe Camel. Are they afraid to violate politically correctness by attacking sodomy and/or drunkenness with the same fervor?

Pastor "B" Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at: <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Hearthland/Ranch/1263/>

## Different kind of paper drive aimed at helping Crawford County's needy

by Cheryl A. Ruley, Special Writer

Throughout the years, to assist the Christian Help Center, area churches have held paper drives. Not the kind of paper drives where hundreds of pounds of newspapers are collected and recycled to raise a few dollars. No, the churches collected toilet paper, paper towels and Kleenex for distribution to the needy.

The Christian Help Center is continuing this tradition by hosting, "Have a Heart for the Help Center", during the month of February. The help center is asking the community to drop off badly needed paper products for distribution to their clients.

The success of the help center depends on efforts of volunteers and donations from area businesses and the public. The success of the last holiday season is proof of their dedicated work to help those less fortunate in Crawford County.

Director of the Christian Help Center, Gerry Schroeder, said the support from the community was strong, with donations of toys, cash and the involvement of the new

"Adopt-A-Family for Christmas" sponsors.

Gift certificates and toys were received by 120 area families.

The Commission on Aging supplied the names of 14 senior citizens who would be alone on Christmas. Help Center volunteers put together "Goodie Boxes" of holiday candies, sweet rolls, dinner entrees, personal items and much more, then delivered the boxes throughout the county.

The sponsors of the "Adopt-A-Family for Christmas" program provided gifts and dinners to 14 families, saving about \$560 for the help center.

Schroeder said the new program was a real lifesaver because the help center lost one of its larger corporate sponsors this past holiday season. The situation has left the help center with very little start-up funds for 1998's holiday needs.

The help center, located at 306 N. James St. (next to Rite Aid), accepts donations earmarked for the Christmas Fund throughout the year, and for their General Fund, as well.

## High school absences affect grade points

In a recent report to the Crawford AuSable District school board, High School Principal Judi Gorski spoke on the grading system and attendance policy.

Students who are absent more than \_\_\_\_\_ times for a class receive a NC or non credit on their cards. In effect the NC is an E as far as grade points are concerned.

About 70 students lost credit in some courses so far this year. Students are allowed to make up NC's by attending Saturday classes.

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### Evergreen



Some might describe winter as a barren season. Most of our trees, such as a short time ago clothed in greenery, stand naked. All of the gorgeous gardens of summer have been cut down by the first frost. But wait...there are the evergreens.

Though the snow may pile deep and the blizzard winds blow frigid, the evergreens flaunt their vibrant color, perhaps more beautiful even than in the summer when there is so much competition. They stand regally, some with bright red and orange berries...others with sweeping branches which seem to reach out to enfold us. God must have planned it so.

Perhaps the evergreen can be an inspiration to us. When life leaves us cold, we can look to God.

Worship this week and remember the evergreen.

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Sunday Worship... 11:15 am  
Coffee Fellowship... 12 noon  
Bible Study (Wed)... 10 am

Seventh Day Adventist  
Pastor David Stramel  
Phone 348-4445  
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Church Service... 9:30 am  
Sabbath School... 10:30 am  
Prayer Meeting Tues... 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle  
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling

Sunday School... 10 am  
Sunday Service & Children's Church... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Service... 6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting... 7 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study... 7 pm  
Thursday Discipleship Class... 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God  
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Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588

Sunday School... 9:30 am  
Morning Worship... 10:30 am  
Evening Service... 6 pm  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children... 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
President Larry A. Cook  
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord

Sacrament... 10 am  
Sunday School... 11 am  
Primary... 11 am  
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Relief Society... 12 noon

Heritage Baptist  
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Morning Worship... 11 am  
Evening Worship... 6 pm  
Wednesday... 7 pm

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Bible School... 9:15 am  
Adult Bible Study... 9:15 am  
Sunday Worship... 10:30 am  
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Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
Pastor Patricia Fowler  
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd.  
P.O. Box 1188

Church School... 9:45 am  
Preaching... 11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer... 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed  
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Sunday School... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship... 11 am  
Evening Service... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study... 7:30 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community  
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Saturday Vigil... 5 pm  
Sunday Mass... 8 am  
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Sunday Family Bible Study/Sharing... 9:30 am

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Wednesday & 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday... 8:30 am  
Daily Worship

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First Baptist Church of Frederic  
Pastor Dale Hammond

Sunday School... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship... 11 am  
Evening Worship... 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study... 7 pm

Calvary Baptist church  
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor  
M-72 West

Sunday School... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship... 10:30 am  
Evening Worship... 6 pm

Mid-Week Services  
Wednesday... 7 pm  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed)... 7 pm

Church of Christ  
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Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-4388

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Sunday Worship... 11:15 am  
Sunday Evening... 6 pm

Wednesday... 7 pm  
Mid-Week Bible Study... 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian  
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.  
Sunday School... 9 am  
Sunday Service... 10 am

The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message  
Pastor Dohn E. Weaver  
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic

Sunday Worship... 10 am & 7 pm  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle  
Pastor Lyle Studer  
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325

Sunday School... 10 am  
Sunday Worship... 11 am & 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Evening... 7 pm

Grayling Baptist church  
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Pastor Terry Colby

Meeting at Hanson Hills • 348-2557  
Sunday School... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship... 11 am  
Evening Service... 6 pm  
Wednesday Service... 7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God  
Pastor Fred Coates  
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Worship Service... 11 am & 6 pm  
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# Fifth Graders just love the circus!

by Shirley D. Schmoock  
Special Writer

The people who get on a school bus at 6:30 a.m. with an antsy flock of fifth grade students bound for a circus are a) paid well, b) a loving parent, or most probably c) nuts!

The elephants at the Shrine Circus in Saginaw ate the nuts, of course, and I just went along the ride. For the 26th year — since 1971 — the AuSable Shrine Circus Club of Grayling and Roscommon, has hosted the outing for fifth grade students from area schools.

"Some years," said coordinator and treasurer, Steve Gaspar, a man who'd never miss a circus with the kids, "we took as many as 150. This is my 25th year now."

The weather, however, has not always cooperated with this benevolent adventure. "Last year we got eight inches of snow, and the year before, we got another blizzard and went anyway. The State Police always let us know how bad the roads will be, so we don't have to miss many," Gaspar said.



**CIRCUS FANS** — Richard Bartlett (left) and Al Kayner were two of the Shriners who accompanied Grayling and Frederic fifth graders to the Shrine Circus in Saginaw. Ruthie Mill of Frederic was one of the Shriner guests who had a great time. Photo by Shirley Schmoock

## MILITARY NEWS

Army Pvt. Matthew A. McKee has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Knox, Ky. The training included basic military training and advanced individual training.

McKee is the son of Sharon A. and stepson of Thomas J. Hall of Grayling. He is a 1997 graduate of Grayling High School.

The first eight weeks of initial entry training (IET) includes basic combat training, drill and ceremonies, weapons, mapreading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

During the advanced individual training (AIT), soldiers are trained as armor crewmen to serve in tank units and conduct defensive and offensive combat operations. Soldiers are taught to operate, service and maintain armor tracked and wheeled vehicles, load and fire tank weapon systems, perform ammunition handling and supply duties, and assist in target detection and identification.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Keith A. Barker, a 1975 graduate of Crawford-AuSable High School of Grayling, recently reported for duty aboard the guided missile frigate USS Lewis B. Puller, home ported in San Diego.

Barker's new assignment is an example of how Navy and Marine Corps men and women are assigned to ships, squadrons and shore commands around the world. Whether serving in the Persian Gulf near Iraq or in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia, people like Barker are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

He joined the Navy in May 1975.

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The roads were clear last Saturday (Jan. 24) — no blizzard in sight. Not a single flake.

Jon Stevens, 18-year veteran bus driver, was armed with a thermos of coffee, his apparent nerves of steel, and his much older daughter, sixth grade student, Danielle — who came along to "help with the little kids." Truth was, they both would earn their keep aboard the "Good Bus - the Lion Bus." Odd, the buses are named nowadays.

Actually, the 200-mile drive to Saginaw on the Lion Bus wasn't really that bad. Most of the girls were on the other bus, so we just had lots of strange sounds and talk about the "wild animals and that guy who gets shot out of a cannon."

Breakfast was served constantly out of cellophane bags filled with chips and other crunchy stuff, and the thermos went dry just south of West Branch. Not a good sign.

Some tiny little girl called Megan Luke couldn't have been brighter, and at age three, she demanded her brother to "keep it down, I'm rest-

ing." Her mom and dad, Mary and Lee, were a couple of those loving parents referred to earlier. Lee kept the peace and Mary kept the roll call vote honest, over and over.

The Saginaw Civic Center isn't as large as Cobo Hall, but it's a darned sight easier to negotiate with a bulging bus full of pre-teen, circus-bound adolescent wannabees. The doors are manned by uniformed Shriners with kind eyes and grandfatherly smiles of welcome.

Without a ticket nobody gets in — and without a pass, nobody gets out. Very good plan, considering that much raw energy is confined for several hours in that small, circular space.

The AuSable Shriners of the area have taken over 2,700 children to this circus, and "we've never lost a single one of them," said Gaspar, our firm and friendly host. "Without the help of our area merchants, though," he paused to count them aloud, "we'd never get these kids to the circus."

And that, Mr. and Mrs. Merchant, would be too bad, it really would be. Life somehow would not be complete without at least one trip to the circus. The colors and lights are glorious to the eye, and the smells, well — that's the circus too.

The many clowns at the Shrine Circus are all named, and they're all Shrine club members. They pose for pictures, and they gladly give out autographs in the booklets sold to benefit the program.

One very busy young lady, Ruthie Mill from Frederic, probably got the autograph of all of the trapeze and acrobatic performers there. She even got to mug with a couple of the events coordinators — Richard Bartlett of the Arab Patrol unit and Al Kayner of the Tall Men unit.

When it came to favorite acts, there was no contest on the performance the boys liked the best.

"The motorcycle riders!" There was this big steel mesh cage and sure enough, inside the riders by velocity alone, would ride upside down in the round cage. At first there was one rider, then two. Then, everybody squealed when this gorgeous woman got in with them and they swarmed around her like two noisy orange bumble bees.

"Girls!" was another response, but that came when you separated the men from the boys and asked them what they liked best. Intrepid driver Stevens and Ken Minard both affirmed this truth.

And the "girls" were good, especially on the flying trapeze, the rings and that giant ladder where one of them hung by her teeth. Then she twirled for effect, and really got the crowd into a festive mood for more. I, personally, was astonished by the physical stamina surely required of them — and a few were not so young anymore.

The circus barkers were selling lighted wands and swords, and they probably took most of the money the kids brought along to spend. But it was OK — they got to wave them later on in the program, and poke each other, and pretend they were someone else for the day. Later, of course, they got them taken away for the ride home — enough is enough at that late hour.

What's probably the most unusual aspect of the Shrine Circus is that it really is a day for kids. Entire classes of young people come in droves, and though well chaperoned, it's just kids, kids and more kids.

They're allowed to roam freely during the generous intermission breaks. At those times, they ride the animals — the elephants, the camels, the ponies, and the llamas.

They can also get their pictures taken with the bear and the Alligator Man, Tahar, who puts his head — no foolin' — inside the gators mouth. Then he lets the smaller one climb over the wall and head toward the crowd, bringing a squealing clatter from the girls on that side of the arena.

Our boys thought it was a riot and they laughed. Our girls thought our boys were "gross!" The grownups just rolled their eyes upward and stifled themselves. The more things change, the more they stay the same.

One of the more bizarre purchases made that day was by Tony English, who got a coiled snake for his little brother. Zak Timmons had a clown puppet signed by a clown for his brother. Many of the girls bought sun visors, key chains, and sought out autographs.

Kevin Kitchen may have had the best time of all on Saturday. His mom drove the other bus, so we got Kevin on the Lion Bus. Kevin's in the third grade, but he's very worldly. He posed with the older boys and he posed with the bear. He said he didn't eat anything but chicken, but he wolfed down two burgers and most of his milk. The rest he spilled on Driver Stevens, who somehow remained calm and unruffled, as Kevin asked him a thousand questions on the way home.

Another circus goer who saw most of the show from her dad's shoulders was Cassie Howell. She was three. When the Tall Man Elephant hugged her, she disappeared inside his arms. But she came back out soon enough to pose with Kevin and bear.

But, is the circus really just for kids? Not really. It's also for nuts.

Donations for the program may be sent to the AuSable Shrine Circus Club, 7413 Bald Hill Road, Grayling, MI 49738. Attn: Arnold Stancil, Donation Chairman.

## Local grade schools mark King's birthday

AuSable Primary Principal Barbara Mick told the school board last week about the school's Martin Luther King, Jr. assembly.

A Grayling Elementary student came to the school and read a story he had written about Martin Luther King, Jr. Students then listened to the famous "I Have a Dream" speech by King.

Throughout both the Primary and Elementary buildings, halls, walls and doors showed many student-made and printed posters celebrating interracial brotherhood themes.

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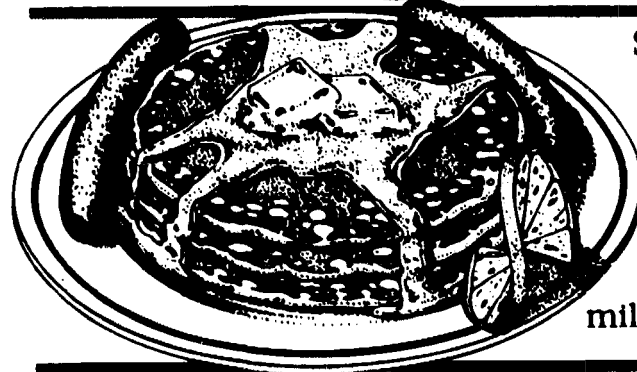
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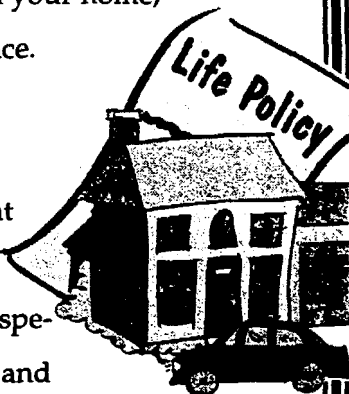


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## Fine art of quilting encouraged by mittens

by Cheryl A. Ruley,  
Special Writer

The first Grayling "Mitten-A-Thon" sewing bee was held on Jan. 24, sponsored by the Michigan Quilt Network (MQN), at St. Mary's Church Family Center.

Amidst the hum of many sewing machines, the happy camaraderie of women with a purpose could be heard.

Inge Mazza, a MQN board member, instructed the group of 10 women and one young girl, in the art of mitten-making. The mittens will go to victims of domestic violence at the River House Shelter in Grayling.

Mrs. Mazza, an energetic 72-year-old, loves to share her stories of quilting and helping those have "suffered so much pain." She says, "The need never ends. It's an on going process of helping."

A native of Germany, she remembers that, as a child, her family made a habit of recycling old clothing, bedding, curtains and whatever else, and making the items into something new.

That same philosophy is used when making the mittens in this project and other items donated to the River House Shelter. "Love Quilts," slippers, dolls and soft-sculpture balls are all made and donated, for

the sake of the children, at little or no cost to the volunteer quilters.

Mrs. Mazza is not alone in her passion for providing comfort to the little ones and teens in shelters. Mitten-A-Thons are held statewide and are very successful because MQN invites even those with little or no quilting and sewing skills to join their groups for a few hours of fulfilling fun.

In March, MQN will be participating in National Quilting Day. From the western end of the Upper Peninsula to the Downriver area near Detroit, quilters will be sewing up projects to benefit their communities.

In Hale, quilters will be making lap robes for wheelchair-bound veterans. In Ann Arbor, they will be making quilts for the Ronald McDonald House.

The MQN is dedicated to keeping the art of quilting alive and growing by recruiting new members. The group was organized because interest in quilting was waning as far back as the 1970s. That's something serious artisans like Inge Mazza don't want to see repeated.

Michele Bugyi, River House office manager, announced at the Mitten-A-Thon that a quilting bee to benefit the children coming through



**QUILTING BEE** -- Eileen Chappel (at sewing machine) and Mary Lou Passmore are helping to keep alive the fine art of quilting. They're making mittens, intended for distribution to victims of domestic violence. Photo by Cheryl Ruley.

the shelter, will be held in Crawford County, sometime in the early summer. The date, time and location of the bee has yet to be determined.

The River House Shelter accepts

donations of clean bedding items and new or used cotton and flannel clothing or fabrics for use in future shelter projects. For further details call 348-3169.

## Former GHS grad to head national archery association

GAINESVILLE, FL. — President Dick Lattimer of the Archery Manufacturers and Merchants Organization (AMO) has announced the promotion of Pat Wiseman-Snyder to the new position of Director of Member Services for the 44-year-old archery trade association. For the past seven years she has served as AMO Office Manager. Pat first started working in the

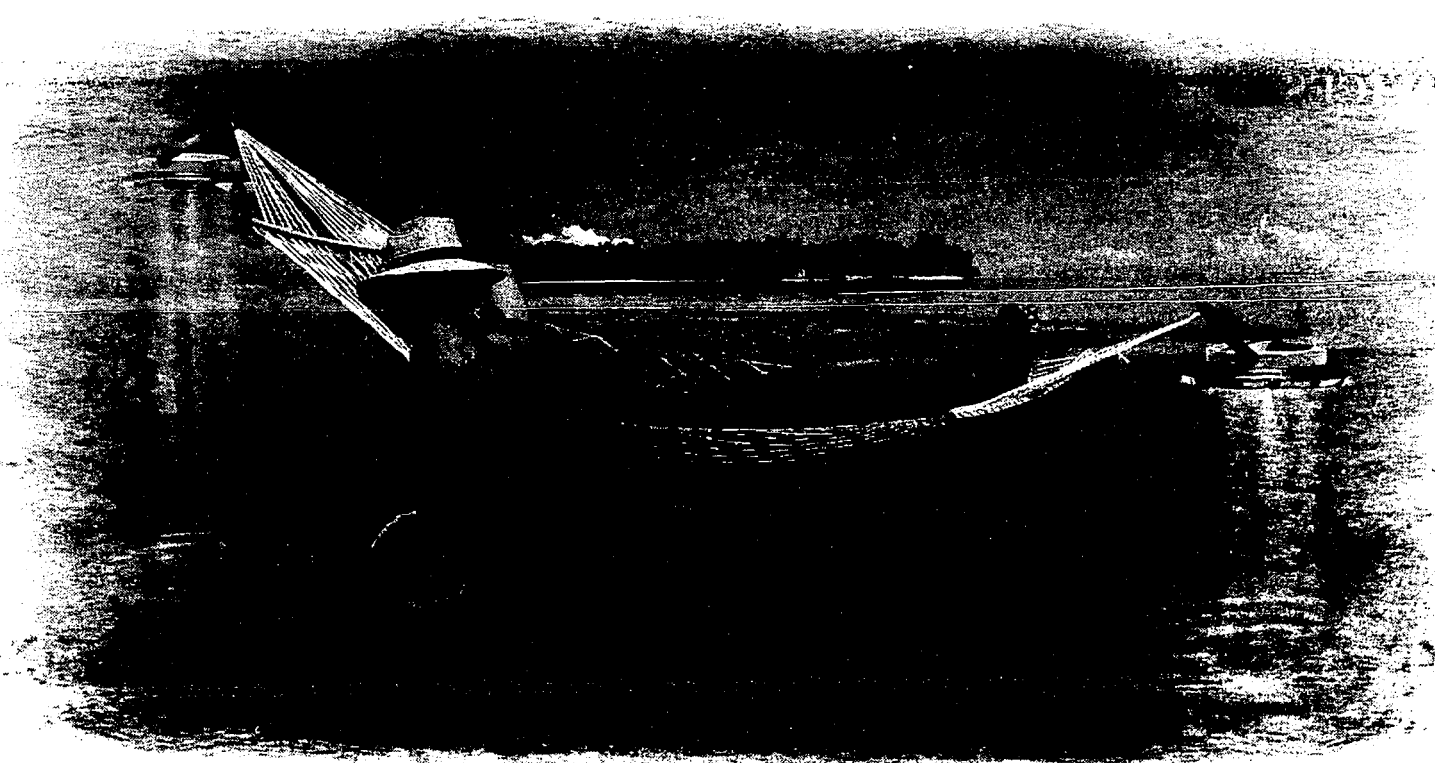
archery industry in 1959 during her summers in high school and went to work fulltime for Bear Archery in Grayling in 1968. It was then that she and Lattimer first started working together. Together they ran the Bear In-House Advertising Agency and The Fred Bear Sports Club for over 17 years.

In 1991 when Lattimer took over the AMO office and moved it to Gainesville, from North Palm Beach. He convinced Pat to join him in helping build the association, much as the two of them had done in the 1970s for the American Archery Council. Since 1991 she has played a vital role in helping to triple the AMO membership to its current size of 526 members. She also assisted Lattimer in the development and successful management of the "Save Our Heritage" program, and was a partner in the start-up of the AMO Archery Trade Show.



Pat Wiseman-Snyder

Pat is a 1961 graduate of Grayling High School and attended Northwestern Michigan College and Central Michigan University.



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## Mary Margaret Dean engaged to marry

Karen Dean-Farver of Clio has announced the engagement of her daughter, Mary Margaret Dean, of Marshall to Richard Edward Fritz. He is the son of Richard and Doreen Fritz of Albion.

The bride elect is a graduate of Olivet College where she received a Bachelors Degree in elementary education. She is currently substitute teaching in the Marshall School District. Richard is also an Olivet College graduate receiving his Bachelors Degree in secondary education. He is currently a corporal in the United States Marine Corps stationed in Japan.

Mary Margaret is the daughter of the late Fraser Maxwell Dean, a

previous Grayling Community School Superintendent. The family lived in Grayling from 1959 until 1978 when Mr. Dean became superintendent of the Montrose School District until his death in 1989.

The proposal took place October 3, 1997 at Seaport Village, California, following an evening attendance at the Annual Marine Birthday Ball.

A July 11, 1998 wedding is planned at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Montrose, with a reception following at the Montague Inn in Saginaw. The newly married couple will be residing in Oceanside, Calif.



Mary Margaret Dean and Richard Edward Fritz

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**Special Writer**

"Good weather and good help," said Jon Miller, when asked about his building schedule on the new RiteAid store. Miller is the field superintendent for Rockford Construction of Rockford, primary contractor for the 11,600 square foot store going up at the intersection of South I-75 Business Loop and M-72 East.

Explaining the apparent rapid progress made due to the excellent weather conditions, Miller said the steel and brick structure "is nearly ready to accept a heavy coat of concrete called Efis. It's applied like cement and is trowelled on, then rubbed to achieve a suede affect." Styrofoam panel board four inches thick has been installed over the sheathing, and it will serve to water proof and insulate the building. The

"Several weeks ago," Miller pointed out where the exterior of the building had been vandalized, "you can see where someone spray painted 'union yes!' on the side." He then explained the incident.

"We had a crew in here from the Detroit area and they weren't doing the job. We had to let them go, and that's what they did to the building," Miller said. He said the fired crew had to return, however, "to get their final paychecks."

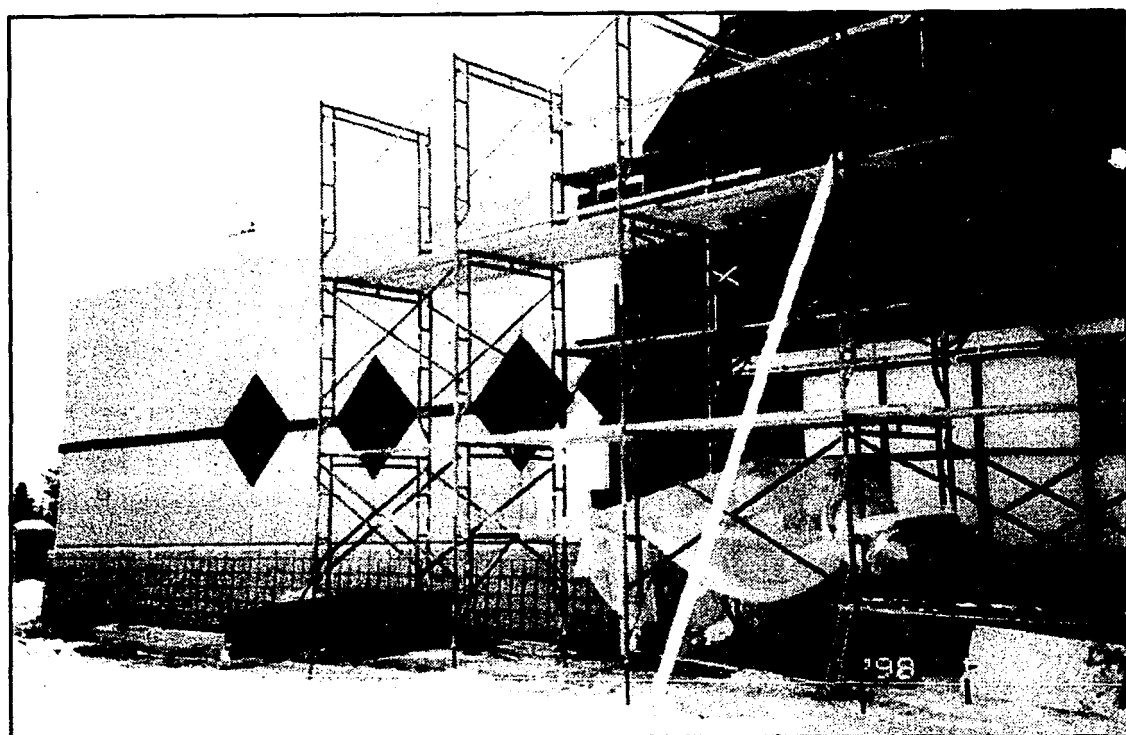
Miller said "I told them it would be nice if they turned those panels around," and they did.

Rockford employs 118 people

and many of them are field superintendents.

"We really try to hire local contracting help when we can," said Miller. "The head of our carpentry crew, Randy Weber, is local now. He just moved here, and he's been terrific for us."

Miller said he'd had good experience working with area contractors, because "they do a nice job. We've had a good flow of work, and the people here are very friendly and receptive."



**HOME STRETCH** -- Work on the new RiteAid store on South I-75 Business Loop appears to be in the home stretch. The drug store company is expected to take possession within the next 30 days or so. Photo by Shirley Schmoock

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## OBITUARIES

### Joseph Antoine Renaud

Joseph Antoine Renaud, of Grayling, passed away Jan. 23, 1998 at Mercy Hospital.

He was born in Oakwood, Mich., in 1919 to Irene and Antoine Renaud. He was raised in Redford Township and joined the U.S. Navy in 1937. He married Donna Ferguson in 1941. They had four children and lived in several communities in Washington and California before returning to Michigan in 1953 to live in the Grayling area.

Mr. Renaud served in WW II, Korean Conflict, and in the U.S. Naval Reserve until he retired in 1973. He achieved the rate of Chief Boiler Tender. During his years of Reserve Service, he owned and operated the Sunoco Gas Station, Repair and Wrecker Service in Grayling.

When Joe and Donna were retired, they bought a home and moved to Dunnellon, Fla., from 1985 to 1993.

He was an active member of the American Legion Post #58 and Fleet Reserve Unit #186, in Dunnellon. He also served as a volunteer to the Senior Community Center in Dunnellon, and the V.A. Hospital in Gainesville, Fla.

He returned to Michigan in 1993 to receive treatment from Grayling physicians for a rare blood disorder.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; daughters: Sharon Nelson (Roger) of Mason; and Connie Isenhauer (Walt) of Grayling; son-in-law, Gary Pettyjohn (Irene) of Grayling; grandchildren: Michael Nelson of Monterey, Calif., Paul Nelson of Brea, Calif., Pamela Nelson of Mason, Mich. and great-grandson Reese, Gary Pettyjohn Jr. (Rita) of South Lyon, Mich., and great-grandchildren Jamie, Evan and Morgan, Bethany and Allison Pettyjohn of Grayling, Shannon Bamber (Craig) of Owosso, Mich., and great-grandchildren Lisa, Maranda, David, Kirsten and Nicole, Sean Isenhauer (Missey) of Oscoda, Mich., Jeffrey Renaud of Grayling, and great-grandchildren Jordan, Jason and Journey; and Jonathon Renaud (Jodi) of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mr. Renaud was preceded in death by his mother, Irene, in 1962; his father, Antoine, in 1977; his son, Joseph Paul, in 1975 and his daughter, Irene (Pettyjohn) in 1997.

A private memorial service was held at the Renaud residence on Jan. 24, 1998 with Pastor Paul Boerger officiating.

Memorials may be directed in his memory to the Mt. Hope Lutheran Church Bell Choir in Grayling.

### Virginia L. Babbitt

Virginia L. Babbitt, 73, of Grayling, passed away on Jan. 21, 1998 at The Meadows of Grayling.

She was born in Detroit to Thomas and Myrna (Simmons) Harrison on Jan. 6, 1925.

Mrs. Babbitt lived in Flint for most of her life, moving to Grayling 12 years ago. She was a registered nurse and obtained her education at the Hurley School of Nursing in Flint. She was employed at Hurley Hospital in Flint and later at Grayling Mercy Hospital. She also worked at the health departments in Genesee and Crawford Counties. Mrs. Babbitt also had her license to sell real estate.

She is survived by her husband, Clifford D. Babbitt of Grayling; daughter, MaryLou Babbitt of Flint; sons: Steven C and Jean M. Babbitt of Grayling, and Lee and Kay Babbitt of Grayling; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Babbitt was preceded in death by one son, Anthony, and her parents, Thomas and Myrna (Simmons) Harrison.

Funeral services were held Jan. 23, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel with Rev. J. Douglas Paterson officiating. Burial will take place in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

### Card Of Thanks

The family of Joseph A. Renaud wishes to gratefully acknowledge every response to his needs during his long illness and death.

Our special thanks to the staff of Mercy Hospital, the doctors and staff of the Grayling Family Practice Clinic, our extended family and friends.

We are especially warmed by the kind words, prayers and expressions of love that we received from Sr. Mary Rosemary and the Reverend Paul Boerger of Mt. Hope Lutheran Church.

Sharon and Roger Nelson, Connie and Walt Isenhauer and Donna L. Renaud

### Grace (Kelsey) Germain

Grace (Kelsey) Germain, 77, of Grayling, passed away Jan. 23, 1998 at the residence of her son Dan.

Mrs. Germain was born in Winn, Mich. on Dec. 7, 1920. She was a member of Frederic Hobby Club, Maple Forest Ladies Club and Winn Eastern Star #377.

She is survived by her husband, Don of Grayling; Children: Dan and Sue Kelsey of Otisville, Steve and Carol Kelsey of Swartz Creek, Karen and Jim Couquest of Clio, and Carla Hartig of Grayling; 18 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; brother, Quinton and Gertrude Raymond of Mesa, Ariz.; two sisters: Allegra Himebaugh of Fla., and Bonnie and Frank Strong of Edmore; and mother-in-law, Marguerite Germain of Flint.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Carl Kelsey in 1968 and a grandson, Todd Kelsey in 1989.

Funeral services were held Jan. 27, 1998, at 11 a.m. at Hudson Funeral Home, Otisville, with Rev. Randy Mayville officiating. Burial will take place in Flint Memorial Park.

### Beatrice Marie Angel

Beatrice Marie Angel, 78, of Pontiac, formerly of Grayling, passed away Jan. 22, 1998 at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, Pontiac.

Mrs. Angel was a member of the Grayling area Order of Eastern Star. She is the dear mother of: Donna J. Beers of Lake Orion and Doris Kelp of Brighton; and she is also survived by seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her late husband Walter C. Angel.

Memorial services were held Jan. 24, 1998 at the Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home in Lake Orion.

The family suggest that memorials be directed to the Diabetes Foundation or American Lung Foundation.

### Card Of Thanks

We would like to express our thanks to the doctors, nurses, friends and relatives during the birth of our daughter Peri Nicole Scheer. For all the help, love, prayers, cards and flowers.

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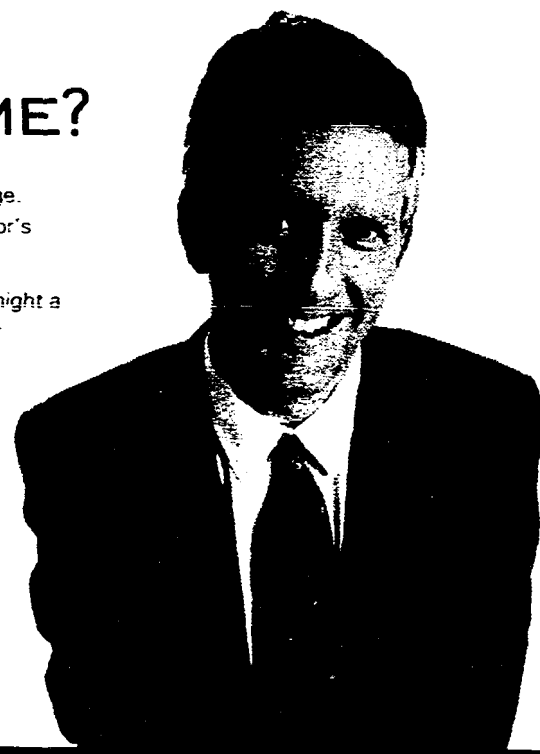
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## United Way update: River House Shelter

by Cheryl A. Ruley,  
Special Writer

The River House Shelter is a safe harbor for victims of domestic violence in Crawford, Oscoda, Roscommon and Ogemaw counties. The shelter is a 16-bed, short-term housing facility for women and children, supported, in part, by financial aid from United Way of Crawford County.

Crisis intervention is provided by a 24-hour crisis line, (517) 348-8972. Collect calls are accepted. Transportation to the shelter and victims' assistance information is provided, too.

Sadly, national statistics show that shelters for victims of domestic violence are a necessary part of every community.

For instance, every 15 seconds a woman is battered in the United States. Of women murdered in this country, 52 percent are killed by a current or former mate. Of all women seeking emergency room treatment, 35 percent are there because of domestic violence.

A child has an 80 percent chance of being abused in a home where its mother is being abused by her mate. All family members can suffer irreparable emotional harm from domestic violence situations.

River House provides individual and group counseling for residential

and non-residential clients. There are programs designed especially for children.

The mostly volunteer staff of the River House Shelter attends to the needs of its clients in a kind and understanding manner. Confidentiality is of the strictest nature, with victims' safety the top priority.

The staff helps clients with gaining or regaining self-esteem by educating them on domestic violence issues, sexual assault, victims' rights through Legal Aid and Family Independence Agency services.

Victims are aided in job training and placement, as well as finding suitable housing upon departure from the shelter.

The River House Shelter accepts donations of clean toys, clothing, furniture, dishes and other household items, to help rebuild broken lives. Many victims don't get to go back to their former homes to safely collect their personal belongings. Therefore, donations of these types are very important. Cash donations are also accepted.

Every child taken in at the shelter receives a quilt or a blanket for comfort and is allowed to take it along when he or she leaves River House.

To volunteer time or make a donation, call the River House Shelter's business office at 348-3169.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: We are about as happy as we make up our minds to be!

Happenings at the Center and announcements of things to come: Pantry Bingo every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m.; Sunday Brunch on Feb. 1 from 10 to 1 with Blueberry Pancakes as the main entree; Commodities on the 4th and "BK" Bingo at 12:30; Casino Trip on the 5th; and at 3 p.m. on Friday the 6th we will have a speaker on

Alzheimers as an in-service training for out staff as well as anyone else who would like to come; SHARE sign-up from 10 to 2 p.m. on Monday the 9th; Valentine's Dance at 12:45 on the 10th (Special note: error in February's Senior Gazette: no speaker on Hospice on the 10th, just the Valentine's dance.) Birthday Luncheon on the 11th; and White Elephant Auction at 5:30; BP taken 11 - noon on the 12th. Special RSVP Spagetti Supper on Friday Feb. 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Senior Center dining room. Come one, come all!!! Pancake Brunch on Feb. 15th from 10 to 1.

Congregate meals are served at noon and 5 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and at noon only on Friday. Fruit and vegetable salad bar on Tuesday; Soup served on Monday and Wednesday and bread, juice and milk offered each meal. Please try to make a reservation if you can by calling 348-7123. Menus are subject to change without notice.

Lunch/Dinner:  
January 1998  
28 - Ham Steak / Meatloaf  
29 - Oven Pork and Veggies / New England Boiled Dinner  
30 - BBQ Chicken / no dinner  
February:  
2 - Chicken Chow Mein / Ham Loaf  
3 - Country Pork / Pigs in a Blanket  
4 - Beef Stroganoff / Parmesan Chicken  
5 - Liver and Onions / Kielbasa and Kraut  
6 - Pot Roast / no dinner

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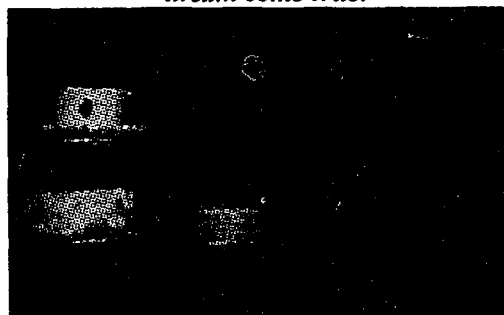
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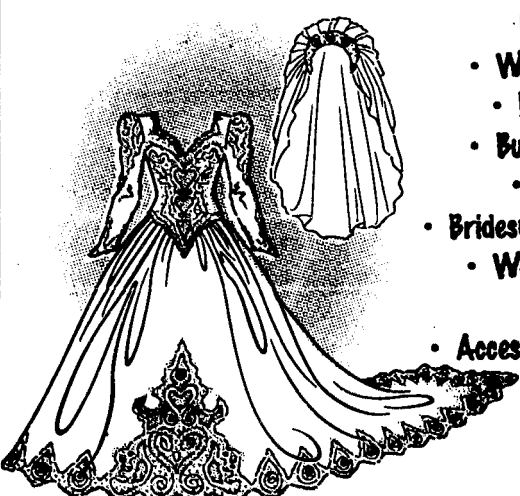
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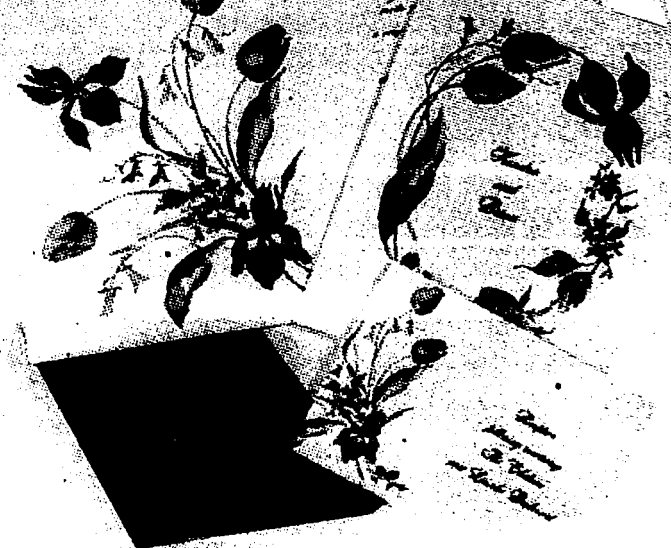
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# NOTES NORTHERN

INSIDE:  
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## Michigan Marathon Cup results

# Nordic ski races held at Hanson Hills

On Jan. 17 and 18, cross country skiing races were held at Hanson Hills, Grayling.

The 30 kilometer Michigan Cup Marathon men's division had 115 participants. Lah Gaber of Jesenice won the race in 1:32:29.

The top 20 finishers were:

- 2 - Tim Outhank, Traverse City (1:32:38);
- 3 - Clifford Orthank, Traverse City (1:32:39);
- 4 - Milan Baic, Williamsburg (1:32:59);
- 5 - Jesse Godson, Sault Ste. Marie (1:35:15);
- 6 - Vic Newbury, Traverse City (1:36:03);
- 7 - Stephen Smigiel, Cedar Springs (1:36:17);
- 8 - Matthew Colligan, Traverse City (1:36:35);
- 9 - David Richarde, Marquette (1:36:51);
- 10 - John Gravlin, Linwood (1:37:37);
- 11 - Jeff Kalember, Gaylord (1:38:04);
- 12 - Kevin Cunningham, Williamsburg (1:38:05);
- 13 - Duane Palomaki, Ishpeming (1:38:10);
- 14 - Tom Brian, Benzonia

(1:38:11);

15 - Matthew Vajda, Traverse City

(1:38:55);

16 - Matt Daly, Pinckney

(1:39:11);

17 - Curt Peterson, Midland

(1:39:58);

18 - Ken Dawson, Farmington

Hills (1:40:12);

19 - Jon Morgan, Milford

(1:40:45);

20 - Bill Brundage, Traverse City

(1:40:46).

Local participants finishing the

race are as follows:

29 - Bill Torongo, Roscommon

(1:45:32);

39 - Bob Smith, Roscommon

(1:49:53);

46 - Fred Mills, Roscommon

(1:52:47);

74 - Patrick McNamara,

Grayling (2:03:29);

94 - Joseph Seifert, Grayling

(2:20:59).

Smith finished third in the

men's 18-25 age group. Kalember

finished second in the men's 31-35

age group. Torongo finished sixth

and McNamara finished fifteenth

in the 36-40 age group. Mills fin-

ished fourteenth in the 41-45 age

group and Seifert finished twenty-

third in the 46-50 age group.

The 15 kilometer Michigan Cup

Marathon women's division had

thirteen participants. Wendy

Anderson of Coyrogu Falls won th

race in 50:33.

The rest of the finishers were:

2 - Debbie Mizikowski, Erie

(51:06);

3 - Kaye Krapohl, Traverse City

(55:21);

4 - Kathy Look-Dowd, Cedar

(59:01);

5 - Bethany Ontrank, Lake Ann

(59:37);

6 - Carrie L. Baic, Williamsburg

(1:01:02);

7 - Sarah Colligan, Traverse City

(1:01:04);

8 - Gussie Peterson, Midland

(1:01:47);

9 - Sara Cockrell, Grawn

(1:02:14);

10 - Lynne Witte, Mt. Clemens

(1:10:57);

11 - Karen Dawson, Farmington

(1:09:32);

12 - Pat Groves, Toledo (1:31:46);

13 - Cheryl Timm, Bay City

(2:29:38).

The 12 kilometer Michigan Cup

Classical men's division had 71

participants. Jesse Godson of Saute

Saint Marie won the race in 44:10.

The top 20 finishers were:

2 - Lah Gaber, Jesenice (44:36);

3 - John Gravlin, Linwood

(46:20);

4 - Stephen Smiegel, Cedar

Springs (47:19);

5 - Jay Hole, Milford (48:07);

6 - Leonid Tikh, West Bloomfield

(48:25);

7 - Duane Palomaki, Ishpeming

(49:01);

8 - Don Camp, Grand Haven

(49:04);

9 - Curt Peterson, Midland

(49:09);

10 - Bruce Barton, Homer

(49:30);

11 - Matt Daly, Pinckney (49:33);

12 - Mike Quillinan, GL (50:15);

13 - Gregory A. Worsnop, Paw

Paw (50:41);

14 - Dick Fultz, Roscommon

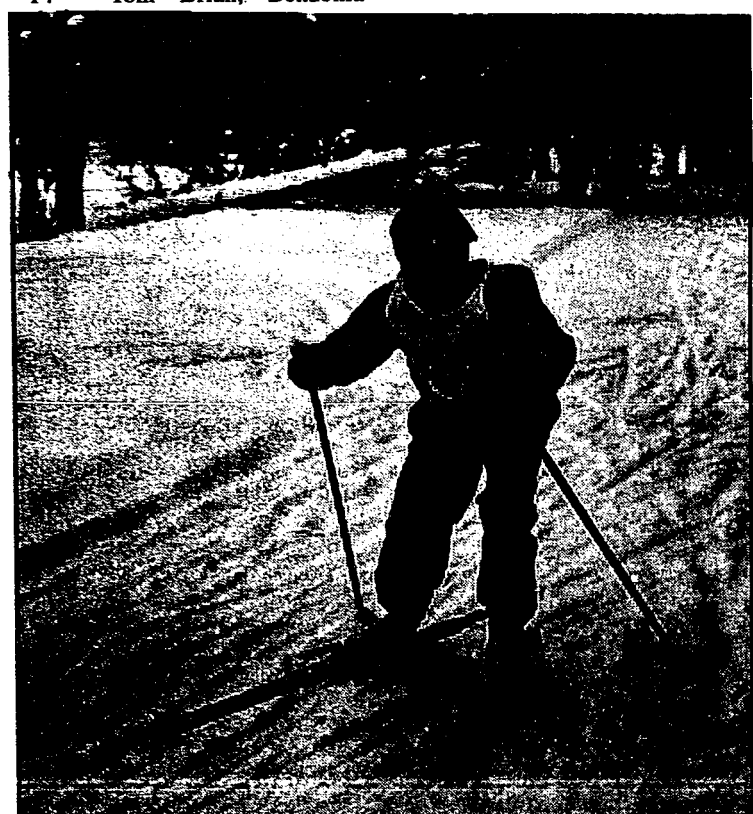
(50:48);

15 - Ed Reid, Grand Blanc

(51:10);

16 - Pete Darienzo, Paw Paw

(51:44);



17 - Chris Weingartz, Oakland

(52:03);

18 - Phil "Java" Cannon, Holland

(52:11);

19 - Bob Mahaney, Marquette

(52:37);

20 - Herb Ashbeck, West Branch

(52:57).

Local participants finishing the

race were:

31 - Fred Mills, Roscommon

(56:54);

40 - Joseph Seifert, Grayling

(1:00:54)

Mills finished tenth in the men's

41-45 age group. Fultz finished

second and Seifert finished ninth

in the 46-50 group.

The 12 kilometer Michigan Cup

Classical women's division had 14

participants. Wendy Anderson of

Cuyohoga Falls won the race in

56:32.

The rest of the finishers were:

2 - Kathy Look-Dowd, Cedar

(1:00:44);

3 - Kaye Krapohl, Traverse City

(1:05:04);

4 - Sara Cockrell, Grawn

(1:06:46);

5 - Lynne Witte, Mt. Clemens

(1:06:53);

6 - Susan Frenn, Benzonia

(1:09:57);

7 - Carole Mue Brumbau,

13 - Lorraine Conaway, Novi

(2:25:03).

The 10 kilometer Michigan Cup

Marathon junior division was divid-

ed into men and women divisions

and had 30 participants. Max Weir

of Rapid City won the overall in

27:52.

The top 20 finishers were:

2 - Trevon Cole, Mancelona

(30:11);

3 - Troy Kellog, Traverse City

(30:44);

4 - Ryan LaMott,

Marquette (30:45);

5 - John Hart, Williamsburg

(30:57);

6 - Matt Nordfjord, Old Mission

(31:12);

Rockford (1:20:35);

8 - Whitney Armstrong,

Ludington (1:21:26);

9 - Sarah Webb, Hubbard Lake

(1:23:11);

10 - Pat Groves, Toledo (1:23:32);

11 - Jean Scharfer, Crafton

(1:27:34);

12 - Beth Caldwell, Ann Arbor

(1:42:22);

7 - Adam Granger, Traverse City

(31:54);

8 - Brad Morgan, Williamsburg

(32:38);

9 - Kevin Coles, Traverse City

(33:12);

10 - Keven Morgan, Williamsburg

(33:48);

11 - Josh Weitz, Traverse City

(34:20);

12 - Angela Abernathy, Higgins

Lake (34:34);

13 - Danielle Correll, Traverse

City (35:02);

14 - Tricia Plum, Traverse City

(36:45);

15 - Katie Willis, Williamsburg

(36:47);

16 - Adam Steuer, Roscommon

(36:47);

17 - Jeremy Woodard, interlochen

(36:55);

18 - Angela Kostzewa, Traverse

City (37:45);

19 - Liz Stallman, Traverse City

(38:03);

20 - David Tarnow, Traverse City

(39:25).

Local participants finishing the

race are as follows:

Angela Abernathy finished first

for the women's 17-19 age group.

# The Icemen of old reaped their harvest from lakes

by Shirley D. Schmoock

Special Writer.

The Iceman of earlier times was the common man — the farmer and the woodsman.

They had the tools and they had the time. Their horses, plows and saws were idle in winter, so they harvested that which God had given them in the northland — the ice.

When the ponds and the rivers froze — the ponds first, of course — they scraped the snow, cut through the 10-12 inches, and retrieved the blocks with their teams and sleds. The hotels and saloons welcomed the ice and so did the meat markets.

Refrigeration in the late 1800's was understood only to mean only that keeping things cool meant keeping them fresh and seemed to prevent them from rotting so quickly. Usually meat and fish was salted down, but the life of vegetables and fruit was lengthened, and so was the time beer could be kept from spoiling.

The Armour and Swift packing companies in Chicago developed their own ice houses very early in the late 1800's. Taking ice from Lake Michigan was a huge undertaking involving thousands of men

and horses.

In small towns and villages, however, harvesting ice was often a communal activity, and it was no different in Grayling on Lake Margrethe. Groups of men and boys — for the boys were responsible for keeping the horse manure away from the ice blocks — assembled after the first hard freeze to assess the potential take on Winter's gift. They'd drill certain spots and scribe lines into the new ice, defining which territories were to be taken first, then second, then later.

As the ice thickened on the lake, so did the anticipation. Pits were readied, most having been dug previously to accept the treasure. On the grounds of Camp Grayling and elsewhere, buildings had been erected to hold and store the ice harvested from Lake Margrethe.

Across the continent, beginning in the 1840's, large cities like Boston and Philadelphia, proved that the storing and shipping of ice was a most lucrative business. Thousands of homes needed the river ice, and thousands of tons of the stuff was cut to suit the markets — wherever they were to be found.

Much of it was shipped by water route, and in 1863, the cost per ton

to ship ice was \$2.50. It came into port and hundreds of horse drawn ice wagons were there to receive it for redistribution to neighborhoods and local businesses. The ice processed and cut from ponds and rivers in Boston in 1864 was a staggering 343,000 tons!

Wisconsin, it's reported, had a superb quality of ice. The clear water and cold winters — very much like her sister state, Michigan — gained in reputation with those who desired clean, clear ice.

The brewers in particular, wanted nothing but the best ice for their products. And, as Milwaukee became famous for her beer, the mandatory low temperature processing became their trademark for success.

On a good day, a well-fed force of men and teams could harvest 5,000 tons a day. Chicago demanded the ice, Detroit needed the ice, and states as far west as California were beginning to understand the nature of cooling to prevent spoilage.

And the kids! They loved the icemen. They'd traffic behind the wagons as they delivered their wares to the saloons and the small markets, scooping up small chunks. The Icemen were often charged

with delivering 'short', but it was really suspected they traded a few extra pounds for a 'shot and a beer' along their routes.

Today, the memory of the strong, silent Iceman toting his block of ice with iron tongs, has all but vanished. With the advent of refrigeration powered by electricity, those old ice boxes are now valuable antiques — they've been transformed into liquor cabinets and curio spaces.

The fine, long grained oak boxes of old are now a hot item on the auction block. Oak was once an inextinguishable commodity — forests of them were everywhere. And, when an oak box was lined with felt, waterproofed paper and porcelain — the effect was cool, vaporless insulation for several days running.

Dozens of companies sold these uniquely insulated boxes. Gibson Refrigerator of Greenville, the Grand Rapids Refrigerator Company, Alaska Refrigerator Co. of Muskegon, and the Belding-Hall Refrigerator Co. of Belding — all Michigan firms — were considered to have the finest refrigerators on the market.

Other Michigan companies were Ramney of Greenville, Northern of



Grand Rapids, and Metal Stamping of Jackson. The D. Eddy & Son of Boston is the oldest known manufacturer of refrigerated boxes. They began their enterprise in the 1840's.

The switch from natural harvesting of ice to mechanically made ice was slow in coming but it did come. As the need for ice grew nationwide, the weather always seemed to be dictating just how much could be expected — and never in advance. The winter of 1890 almost didn't come, and the only sources of ready winter ice were to be found in Wisconsin and Maine.

Perhaps the earliest high concentration of ice plants was in New Orleans. By 1937, this Queen City employed 2000 people at 49 ice making houses. El Paso Texas was another center to pioneer the business of artificial ice.

As early as 1920, the U. S. Census Bureau estimated that 4,800 plants were producing 40,000,000 tons of ice, which 25,000 was sold to private homes. Approximately 160,000 people were employed in the production and distribution of ice. The combined investment in both natural and manufactured ice was estimated to \$665,000,000.

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## SPORTS

### Grayling wrestler Dave Shepherd racks up milestone 100th victory



Grayling high school wrestler Dave Shepherd reached a personal goal last week (Jan. 24) when he

notched his 100th high school victory at the Whittemore-Prescott invitational tournament.

Dave, a senior, is in his fourth year wrestling for the Vikings; this year at 135 pounds. He also wrapped up the 135-pound championship at the tournament.

"Dave has worked long and hard to achieve this goal," said Coach Don Ferguson. "I'm real proud of Dave."

Grayling finished fourth among nine teams at Whittemore-Prescott.

Placing second were Josh Niederer at 112 pounds, and Mark Hopkins at 152 pounds.

Third place finish went to Matt Evon at 103, and fourth place finishes were achieved by Mark Weaver at 140 pounds and Nate Niederer at 160.

Also scoring team points for Grayling were Larry Baker at 125 pounds and Shawn Mitchell at 215.

Earlier last week, Grayling dropped both ends of a three-way match with Ogemaw Heights and Oscoda. Ogemaw whipped the Vikings 45-10, and Oscoda out-pointed Grayling 30-27.

On Thursday (Jan. 29), the Viking wrestlers travel to Tawas for a meet with Tawas and Pinconning.

Then on Saturday (Jan. 31), it's off to the prestigious Northern Michigan Tournament held this year at Gaylord High School, with 22 teams entered from all over the northern part of the state. Five mats will be kept busy with continuous contests, starting at 10 a.m.



**MILESTONE WIN** -- Dave Shepherd (left) won the 100th match of his four-year wrestling career at Grayling High School last weekend at the Whittemore Prescott tournament. He also won the title at 135 pounds and earned hearty congratulations and high praise from Coach Don Ferguson. Photo by Deb Weaver.



**VIKING ACTION** -- Grayling wrestler Marc Weaver (top) provides some of the mat action as he maneuvers his opponent at the Whittemore Prescott tournament. Photo by Deb Weaver



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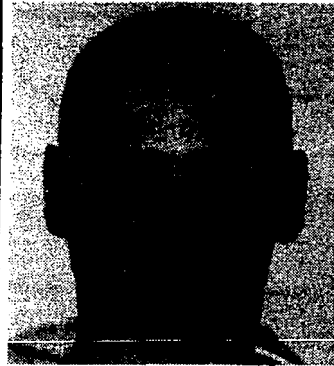
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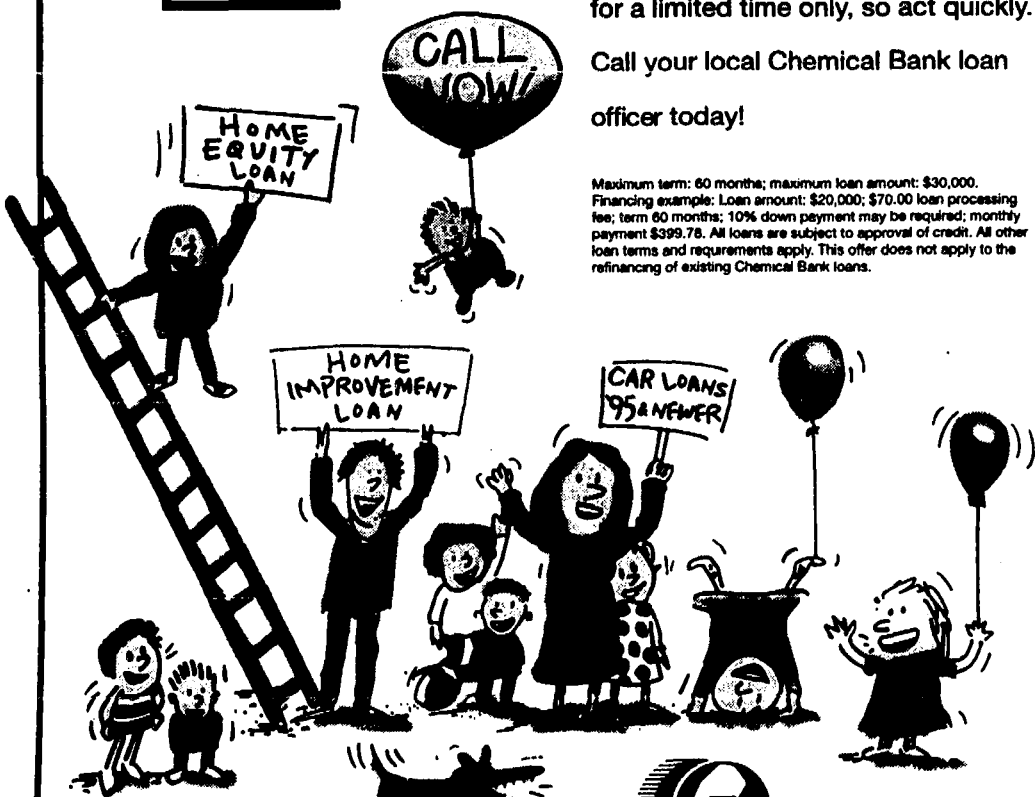
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**YOUNG CHEERLEADERS** -- When action calmed down at a recent Grayling Ninth Grade basketball game, three of the regular cheerleaders asked for a bit of help from the stands, and got it from some future cheerleaders. Cheering on the Vikings were (from left) Heather Hatfield, Devon Bobenmoyer, Amanda Love, Kelsey Neuberger and Darci Trudgeon. Despite the added efforts of Devon and Kelsey, the Vikes lost the game. Photo by Linda Golinick

### Citizens Bank free race clinic draws plenty of young skiers to compete

The Citizen's Bank free race clinic at Hanson Hills was a big score with race fans on Super bowl Sunday, (Jan. 24). Snow conditions were good and temperatures mild for a day of racing. Race director John Alef said, "The kids ran a giant slalom course this week, and seemed to enjoy the speed of the GS course." Alef went on to say, "We had 35 kids participate in the various age groups and still expect more in the weeks to come."

The race clinic is free to children age pre-school through eighth grade.

Practice starts at about 1 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. The kids are required to have a lift ticket and ski equipment, but the race clinic is free.

Once again Gracie Calkins finished first for the Pre-school and Kindergarten girls, Taylor Doremire took second. In the boys' group Michael Olson skied to a first place finish.

Rachel Doremire led the way for the first and second grade girls, Jessica Riddle placed second, Gabby Calkins moved up to third, Avery Diola fourth,

and Emily Sloan fifth. Spencer Dean was the loan racer in the first and second grade boys.

Jill Seager put together the fastest run of the day for all the girls and placed first in the third and fourth grade girls. Zach Dean stayed atop the third and fourth grade boys, Cody Diola was second, Scot Olson third, and Andrew Hart fourth.

In the fifth and sixth grade girls Allyson Diola placed first for the second week in a row, Jodi Riddle second, Mallory Olson third, Nichole Doremire fourth and Beth Lucey fifth. Joey Highlen kept his streak alive with a first place finish in the fifth and sixth grade boys' division, Matt Seager was a close second, Trevor Clough third, Patrick McNally fourth, Paul Montagne fifth, Jimmy Jansen sixth, Tony Grace seventh, Greg Kalonich eighth, and Ben Lucey ninth.

Britni Baker led the seventh and eighth grade girls. Andrea Alvarez was second and first time racer Nichole Mech was third. Keil Clough topped the seventh and eighth grade boys. Damian Fleischmann was second, Ben McNally third, Eric Hart fourth and Justin Hanes fifth.

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# Vikes battle all the way, but lose a thriller

by Dave Golnick  
Student Writer

The Varsity Boys basketball team last week (Jan. 20) was defeated in overtime by the Saginaw Valley Lutheran Chargers, 87-83.

Top scorers in the game were Nate Hinkle with 46 points, Eli Tobin 21, Nate Beckwith, Travis Parkinson and

with Saginaw Valley crawling back from the deficit. The Chargers controlled the boards the entire third period, and closed the quarter by taking a one point lead, 58-57. With both defenses continuing to play well, it looked as if the game would continue on in the same manner the first half played out. The next quarter was the most exciting quarter played yet this year.

The fourth quarter opened with Saginaw Valley building a small but steady lead, but after the opening minutes, total mayhem broke out on the court.

Eli Tobin took control of the game, dodging and dashing by the Chargers defenders. Nobody on the Saginaw Valley team could defend this

onslaught, and so they sank back into a more conservative defense to try to force Tobin to pass the ball. And pass he did.

Nate Hinkle, who had played a great game so far, exploded in the fourth quarter with a rainstorm of three point shots and wicked drives to the basket. Pass after pass from Tobin found its mark to Hinkle, and he buried every shot he took.

And so with a few seconds to go, Grayling trailing by three points, Hinkle's last second three pointer tied the game and sent it into overtime.

With the crowd behind the Vikings it seemed as if there were no way they could fall, but it turns out that the Chargers were not about to give up yet.

The overtime played relatively smoothly for the Vikings, although the Chargers were at their necks the entire game. Hinkle and Tobin's heroic efforts were not enough, however, as

Saginaw Valley ground out a four point victory. The final score was Saginaw Valley Lutheran 87, Grayling 83.

Coach Rich Moffit had this to say about the game: "We made a great comeback when we were down by five points. We made some big shots

to take the game into overtime, but we did not take advantage of our opportunities in overtime."

Team Co-Captain Eli Tobin also had a few words about the performance: "We have had all of the losses we can afford to have this season, and we cannot afford another loss if we want to reach our goal of winning the conference. With this game behind us, all we can do is go one-hundred percent in practice."

Travis Parkinson another of the Co-Captains, also added this: "It was exciting to play in an overtime game, but it was a tough loss. We have to forget about this one and prepare well for the next game, because it will be a very big one."

The Vikings next home game will be Friday, Jan. 30 against the Gladwin Flyers.



TO THE HOOP -- Grayling's Eli Tobin takes it to the hoop strong, and draws the Saginaw Lutheran foul.



FIFTH GRADERS -- Future Viking basketball stars provided halftime action at a recent Grayling High School varsity game against Saginaw Lutheran. With six-man teams, shown above are 11 of the 12 players on the floor at the time. With the ball is James Haven. Others, from the left, are Jason Strohpaal, Jess Bobenmoyer, Lee Kostopolus, Josh Millikin, Tony Thomas, Jason Fekete, Alex McNamara, Bill Golnick, Adam Gilbert, and Russell Peters

**Wendy's**  
**Viking**  
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**Basketball**  
**Gordon Elsner**

Viking senior Gordon Elsner was chosen Viking of the Week because of his heart, determination and leadership skills in practice.

Brad Ritter each with four, and Mike Ostwald and Travis Huber each with two.

The Vikings top defensive players were Travis Parkinson and Brad Ritter, and Adam Knapp worked strong on the rebounds.

The first half was very close, with the lead switching hands between the teams many times. Saginaw Valley Lutheran ended up with the first quarter advantage after taking advantage of a couple fast breaks, but the Vikings were determined to stay in the game.

Good defense by both teams helped ensure the tight score of the game.

Midway through the second quarter the Vikings started to pull away from the Chargers, but the lead was cut down to six points by half-time. The score was Grayling 42, Saginaw Valley Lutheran, 36. Both teams had displayed their talents in the first half well, but no one could predict the action packed second half that was about to erupt.

The second half started out more or less the same as the first quarter ended,

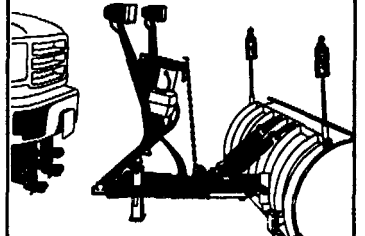
## Grizzlies at home

The Gaylord Grizzlies face a busy schedule at home next weekend. On Friday (Jan. 30), the NAHL Junior A Hockey team faces the Springfield Blues at 7:30 p.m., in a league contest. Then on Saturday and Sunday, the Grizzlies host the U.S. National Under 18 Team for two games. Saturday's game is at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday's game is a matinee at 3 p.m. All games are at the Otsego County Sportsplex in Gaylord.

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**HIGH FLYER** -- Grayling's Tim Ormsbee is really flying high, trying to stop an inbound pass in the Saginaw Lutheran Jayvee game.

## JV Boys Basketball defeats Saginaw Valley Lutheran

by Dave Golnick  
 Student Writer

The Boys Junior Varsity Basketball team recently defeated the Saginaw Valley Lutheran Chargers, 57-42. Top players in the game were Dave Hawkins and Brad Wilson.

Strong Viking defense throughout the entire first half helped give Grayling the lead many times. The Vikings dominated offensively as well, capitalizing on opportunities to score and ripping any rebounds off the boards.

The first quarter ended in a one-sided score of 18-9, with Grayling in the lead. After the Vikings had trouble with the press early in the second quarter, the Chargers started to catch back up. But Grayling finally settled down and beat the trap, opening up wide lanes to the basket. The score at half-time was 31-19 Vikings.

The second half was more of the same Viking dominance. After taking a short scoring run halfway through the third quarter, the Vikings showed signs of their mortality when their

offense slowed down a bit and almost let the Chargers back in the game. The Grayling defense, however, smothered any chance of a comeback. The score was 49-30, Grayling lead, going into the fourth quarter.

The Vikings successfully ran out the clock on the Charger defenders, who were too tired to effectively run their offense after chasing down the Grayling ball handlers. The final score was 57-42, a solid Viking victory.

Coach Butch Hayes had this to say about his teams performance: "I thought we came back well from a let down in the last game, and this victory shows our willingness to work and compete."

Team captain Dave Hawkins also added this about the squad: "Our team is continuing to improve with each practice and game. We have built up our intensity a lot, and that helps us win ball games. This week we have had a strong team effort, and that translates well onto the court."

The next J.V. home game will be Friday, Jan. 30 against Gladwin.



**STOPPER** -- Viking Jayvee Brad Wilson steps into the lane to stop the drive from a Saginaw Lutheran dribbler.

## Skiers defeat Saginaw Valley, lose to Gaylord and Cadillac

Skiing is different this year for the Grayling High School Ski team.

Without league affiliation, the Vikings are spending much of their time skiing class A skiing powers.

Although its tough at this time of the year, the Vikes hope it will help them at tournament time.

The Vikes skied at Gaylord on Monday (Jan. 19) losing to Gaylord and defeating Saginaw Valley

Lutheran with both boys and girls teams.

Top skier for the girls team was Katie Olson placing first in the Giant Slalom race and third in the Slalom; Kim Hartman placed sixth in both races; Brooke Ginther 10th in both; Amanda Quick 13th in both races, with Amanda Fortino 12th in Slalom and 14th in Giant Slalom; Danielle McClanahan finished 14th in Slalom and 12th in Giant Slalom.

On Thursday (Jan. 22) the Vikings skied the Vikings of Cadillac at Caberfae Peaks. Top skier for the girls team was again Katie Olson placing second in Slalom and third in Giant Slalom; Kim Hartman placed ninth in Slalom and seventh in Giant Slalom; Brooke Ginther placed eighth in Slalom and ninth in Giant Slalom; Amanda Quick 10th in both events; Tanya Helsel was 11th in Slalom and disqualified for losing a ski in Giant Slalom; Amanda Fortino disqualified in both events.

The week for the boys team was exactly the same as the girls, splitting the Gaylord meet and losing at Cadillac.

Top skiers were Eric Thompson and Colin Hunter. Eric placed first in Slalom at Gaylord and sixth in Giant Slalom; Colin was 11th in Slalom and fourth in Giant Slalom. At Cadillac, Colin was third in both races; with Eric placing 11th in the Slalom and seventh in Giant Slalom.

Jason Boreoskied well in both meets in Gaylord he placed seventh and ninth and at Cadillac eighth and fifth; Josh Mueller also skied very well placing third in Slalom at Gaylord and seventh in Giant Slalom. At Cadillac he placed sixth in Slalom and fell in Giant Slalom placing 12th.

First year varsity racers are a big part of the Grayling team this year.

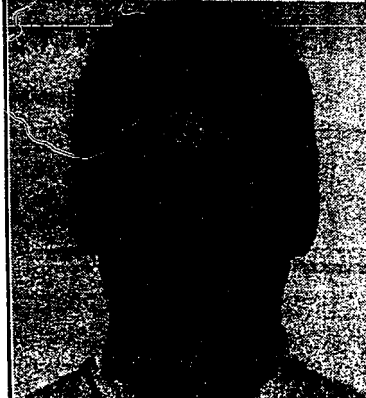
At Gaylord Freshmen Paul Jansen placed ninth in Slalom and Ryan Stahl was 10th in Giant Slalom and disqualified in Slalom. Sophomore Ray Trudgeon also placed 12th in Slalom.

At Cadillac Freshman Derek Quick placed 10th in Both Races with another Freshman, Matt Ginther, placing 11th in Giant Slalom. Sophomore Ray Trudgeon placed ninth in the Slalom.

This week, the Vikes skied at Sylvan Resort on Wednesday (Jan. 28) and on Saturday (Jan. 31) they ski at Boyne Mountain at 6 p.m.

Skiers of the Week: Kim Hartman: placed for team score in all four of the girls races. Colin: leading the boys in three of their four races.

### Wendy's Viking of the week



### Boys' Skiing Colin Hunter

Viking junior Colin Hunter was chosen Viking of the Week for leading the boys' team in three of their four races.

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**TOP PICKER** -- Alf Svensen, a retired marine architect, carried off top honors in the annual *Avalanche* football forecast, and also carried off \$100 and a bunch of other prizes.

## Alf Svensen is top forecaster in Avalanche football contest

Alf Svensen, who lives in Antrim County near Rapid City, is the grand prize winner of the annual football contest sponsored by *The Avalanche* and selected area merchants.

Svensen racked up the winning total of 280 points.

A contestant who picked every game right every week during the 20 weeks of the contest would have earned 392 possible points.

Svensen was among 192 football fans who returned entries each week of the contest, yet he was not top forecaster any single week.

"I was very close many times," he explained.

Prizes included a check from *The*

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Total entrants throughout the contest numbered 335 individuals.

Svensen is a retired naval engineer.

Closest to Svensen's winning total of 280 points was Jon Thompson, former editor of *The Avalanche* who now teaches at Kirtland Community College, just two points behind with 278.

Others who scored more than 270 points were Doug Latuszek 275, Tom St. Germain 274, Joe R. Thompson 273, Robert Gennrich 271 and Rod Wade 271.



# Freshmen bounce back against Saginaw

The Grayling Viking Freshman Basketball team traveled to Saginaw Thursday (Jan. 22) to take on the Valley Lutheran Chargers and won 52-41.

The Saginaw game came on the heels of a tight and emotional last second loss two days earlier to Standish Sterling 53-51.

The Grayling team appeared still a bit "shell shocked" at Saginaw. The first quarter saw both teams running up and down the court almost at will though mental mistakes and giveaways plagued both sides. Neither team could take control of either the tempo or the game and the first quarter ended with the score Grayling 14, Saginaw 10.

The second quarter saw much of the same type game, with Grayling Coach Doug Simons working his deep bench to advantage. The Viking second squad got up and moving and opened up an eight point bulge at the half, 26-18.

The third quarter saw Grayling employ an aggressive full court trapping defense, leading to many fine defensive plays and finally capitalizing on the offensive and. Again, Simons' collection of players on the court fed off each other for an emotional lift and began to play their own style of game, putting the game virtually out of Charger reach. At the end of the third quarter (there was no buzzer!), the score was Vikings 44, Chargers 27.

The final stanza saw the Saginaw Chargers begin to show some signs of offensive life as they began both pounding the ball inside and raining three pointers. The Grayling five held tough down the stretch and won handily 52-41.

Coach Simons had high praise for his squad.

"I would like to commend our

second unit for playing some of our best basketball of the season," Simons said. "About halfway through the first quarter, the score was tied until the second unit went into the game. The second unit consisted of Max Schreiner, Joel Cummings, Dave Golnick, Marcus Bobenmeyer, Chris Youngblood, Justin Manier and Barry

McClanahan. They played great man-to-man defense causing numerous turnovers, which led to easy baskets for our offense.

"To summarize their game in two words, they played smart and hard. Not only did this unit play well, they showed a tremendous amount of teamwork and sportsmanship."

Leading the Vikings in points

were Schreiner with 14, Bobenmeyer 9, Youngblood and Manier 8 each.

Next up for the freshman cagers are two road trips this week, visiting the Alcona Tigers Monday (Jan. 26), and Ogemaw Height Falcons on Thursday (Jan. 29). Games times are 6 p.m.



SHOOT, JOEL! -- Freshman Viking Joel Cummings readies his shot against Saginaw Valley Lutheran.

## Freshman Girls Volleyball falls upon hard times

by Dave Golnick  
Student Writer

The Freshman Girls Volleyball team was recently defeated by the Standish Sterling Panthers and Saginaw Valley Lutheran Chargers in two lopsided matches.

Against Standish Sterling, the Vikings lost three games to none. Coach Tim Zigilia had this to say about the game: "We came out flat and Standish served well."

When the Vikings hosted the Saginaw Valley Lutheran Chargers, they lost by a count of three games to one. As before, the Grayling team could not stand up to the tremendous serving effort of the Chargers. Zigilia said: "They had a couple of girls that served well, and we just could not get going."

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Grayling Recreation Authority News

By Cindy Olson

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## MENS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Week 3 results — Mens Basketball League 1/15/98

**Game #1 - Holiday Inn 61 - Baynams 49.** Bonamic - 12, Swope - 11, Dean - 9, Hamlin - 9, Madill - 9, Smith - 6, Wieler - 3, Weaver - 2 / Neal - 16, Brigham - 10, E. Baynham - 8, Youngblood - 7, Perrin - 3, T. Baynham - 3, Hurd - 2.

**Game #2 - Sawmill 56 - Weyerhaeuser 41.** T. Doremire - 21, Kirk - 12, Burrell - 9, M. Doremire - 6, Trudgeon - 5, Dittenber - 3 / Ramsey - 14, Trenary - 7, Derenzy - 5, Ruddy - 4, Hull - 4, Grant - 4, Dandy - 3.

**Standings after Week #3 W L**  
Spikes 2 0  
Sawmill 2 1  
Weyerhaeuser 2 1  
Holiday Inn 1 1  
Baynham Forest Products 0 2  
Lange Vending 0 2

Important notice: Two games have been rescheduled, the 1/27/98-2/10/98 games have been moved to 1/29/98-2/12/98. See Phil Trudgeon for revised schedule ASAP.

Week #4 results — Mens Basketball League 1/22/98  
**Game #1 - Spikes 72 - Lange Vending,**

42, Patterson - 31, Kucharek - 17, Potter - 10, Church - 9, Farrel - 3, Thompson - 2 / Longendyke - 24, Butler - 5, Geers - 5, Malinowski - 5, Hannum - 2, R. Harland - 1.

**Game #2 - Holiday Inn 66 - Weyerhaeuser 60.** Hamlin - 29, Weiler - 11, Mertes - 10, Swope - 8, Dean - 5, Bonamic - 2, Weaver - 1 / Dandy - 14, Ramsey - 13, Trenary - 13, Grant - 9, Ruddy - 7, McGregor - 2, Bickford - 2.

**Standings after Week #4 W L**  
Spikes 3 0  
Sawmill 2 1  
Holiday Inn 2 1  
Weyerhaeuser 2 2  
Baynham Forest Products 0 2  
Lange Vending 0 3

The next scheduled games will be played on Jan. 29 at 7 p.m., Sawmill vs. Holiday Inn. Game 2 begins at 8:30, Lange Vending vs. Baynams.

Spikes and Weyerhaeuser have a bye week.  
Top 10 leading scorers, game avg. - Patterson - 21, Longendyke - 19.3, Hamlin - 17.6, Church - 16.6, T. Doremire - 15.3, Kucharek - 13, Ramsey - 12.2, Kirk - 12, M. Doremire - 11, Grant - 10.7.

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## POOL LEAGUE

### Women's Pool League

Sawmill II	141
Sawmill III	110
Fredric Inn	109
Legion	105
Plaza	97
Spikes	86
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## BOWLING LEAGUE

### Pioneer League

Custom Interior	14-6
Ginger's	13-7
Chemical Bank	11-9
Millikin's	11-9
Mercy Hospital	11-9
Avalanche	9-11
Lady Slippers	8-12
Aunt Betty's	3-17
High Game: S. France, 216; I. Hatfield, 209; L. Fisher, 197.	
High Series: S. France, 581; I. Hatfield, 549; K. Morrill, 519.	

### Friday Night Mixed Doubles

Charles Country Corner	21-3
Aunt Betty's	16-8
Suttles	15-9
Moshier Auto Repair	10-14
Pick & Sons	10-14
AJD Forest Products	10-14
A. Bulldog Bowling	9-15
Sawmill	5-19
Men's High Game: R. Buskirk, 227, 193; M. Sumner, 207; J. Campbell, 193.	
Men's High Series: R. Buskirk, 610; M. Sumner, 554; J. Campbell, 549.	
Women's High Game: S. Rioux, 191; Y. Schreiber, 179; S. Sumner, 177.	
Women's High Series: Y. Schreiber, 497; S. Rioux, 496; S. Sumner, 473.	

### Senior Citizens League

Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us	44.5-31.5
Buccilli's Pizza	42-34
Stevens Family Circle	40-36
Baynham Wood Products	38.5-37.5
Cornell Realty	38.5-37.5
Totten's Body Shop	35-41
Sylvester's Sports	33-43
Flowers by Josie	32.5-43.5
Men's High Game: K. Harris, 213; C. Babbitt, 205; G. Wolfe, 190.	
Men's High Series: K. Harris, 592; R. Dandy, 494; G. Wolfe, 485.	
Women's High Game: R. Joyce, 174; P. Harris, 172; S. Dykstra, 171.	
Women's High Series: R. Joyce, 517; M. Biron, 448; P. Harris, 446.	

### Recreation League

Peterson Saw Service	14-6
Glen's Market	12-8
Mark 8	12-8
North Country R.V.	11-9
Scheer Motors	9-11
Mickey Perez CPA	8-12
Fun-N-Sun Rental	7-13
Cornell's	7-13
High Game: L. Dellar, 203; D. Mead, 202; S. Sumner, M. McClanahan, 183.	
High Series: S. Sumner, 514; L. Dellar, 509; S. Noeske, M. McClanahan, 492.	

### Triangle League

Milltown Carpet	20-8
Moshier Auto	17-11
Airway Automation	15-13
A Team	15-13
C.S.I.	14-14
Barber Construction	12-16
Jackson Trio	10-18
Cal Schreiber Bldr	9-19
High Game: R. Moshier, 225; T. Devins, 213; D. Handy, 211.	
High Series: R. Buskirk, 602; T. Devins, 524; D. Clemens, 524.	

### American Men's League

Red Barn	28-7
Burnside RV	27-8
Stitches by Sue	17-18
Upper Lakes	16-19
Buccilli's	14-21
Fenton's Auto	14-21
Northwood Land	13-22
McLean's Ace	11-24
High Game: D. Canfield, 245, 224; K. Louchart, 220; M. Sumner, 210.	
High Series: D. Canfield, 642; K. Louchart, 573; R. Pyle, 566.	

### Northwood League

Helsel Brothers	16
Rich's Cycle Service	13
Wakeley's Auto Parts	13
Millikin's	10
R & M Masonary	10
Milltown Carpet	6
Rochette's	6
R. Calkins & Sons	6
High Game: S. France, 211; B. Helsel, 200; M. Miller, 198.	
High Series: S. France, M. Miller, 542; S. Romain, 539; P. D'Amour, 489.	

**Classifieds 348-6811**

## LEGAL ACTION

### SYNOPSIS GRAYLING TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting January 13, 1998

Members Present: John Medler, Melvin Nunn, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Barbara Clark Greene, William Green, Tammy Carpenter, Ken Riehle, Kathy Karsten, Lynnette Corlew, Brian Hulbert.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Wright.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by O'Mara, support by Nunn, carried, to approve minutes of December 9, 1997, as presented. All ayes.

Treasurer's Report for December 1997 was read and placed on file.

Correspondence: Crawford AuSable School District Board Happenings of 12-15-97, Marshall Roe letter regarding a fence at Lake Margrethe.

CITIZENS WHO WISH TO SPEAK.

Tammy Carpenter expressed concern that the current Grayling Township Compactor/Recycling Center hours are not convenient for persons that work night shifts and weekends. Nunn suggested opening earlier on either Tuesday or Thursday on a trial basis to service these citizens. Consensus that Wright may implement this probable solution.

Brian Hulbert, Frederic Township Supervisor, addressed the Board regarding his Township's interest in contracting with Grayling Township for zoning enforcement, building permits and inspections. Board consensus that Wright and Bldg. and Zoning personnel should investigate the issue and report back with recommendations.

BUSINESS.

Motion by Ashton, support by O'Mara, to schedule a public hearing on the proposed Grayling Township Recreation Plan, drafted by Supervisor Wright, for 7:00 p.m. February 10, 1998, prior to the regular February board meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Barbara Clark Greene, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson, requested Board to reconsider raising Z.B.A. petitions fees from the current \$50.00 to defray the costs of hear-

ing these cases. The Z.B.A. previously requested the fees be raised to \$200.00 per case. Office study indicated current average cost to hear a variance request is \$300.00.

Motion by Ashton, support by O'Mara, to increase Zoning Board of Appeals petition fees to \$100.00 per case. O'Mara, aye; Nunn, aye; Ashton, aye; Medler, nay; Wright, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Ashton, support by O'Mara, to authorize training seminar attendance by Board of Review members and new Zoning Board of Appeals member. All ayes, motion carried.

1996-97 Fiscal Year Audit Report supplied by Mickey Perez P.C. for Board's review.

Motion by Nunn, support by O'Mara, to authorize Supervisor to negotiate with Paul Lerg, representative of Crawford AuSable School District, Kirtland Community College and C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District, for collection of 1998 summer taxes based on reasonable expenses of the Township. All ayes, motion carried.

Letter from Ken Riehle, dated December 14, 1997, appealing the October 28, 1997, decision of the Grayling Township Planning Commission which approved a Conditional Use Permit for Derwich Industries, owned by Erich Christman, on Jones Lake Road.

Motion by O'Mara, support by Medler, to schedule a public hearing for 7:00 p.m., March 10, 1998, to review Conditional Use Permit (Case 97-9C), Erich Christman property owner. All ayes, motion carried.

Information regarding requirements for becoming a charter township was provided to Board members.

Supervisor has received request from property owner concerning season long garage and yard sales in the township. He provided sample ordinances regulating these sales. Consensus that this information be forwarded to the Planning Commission for a recommendation.

Building Department Report and Recycling Center Report read and placed on file.

Motion by Nunn, support by O'Mara, to approve payment of bills on vouchers 19210-19221, 19233, 19245, 19252, 19254-19290, liquor inspections \$190.00 Board and Commission fees \$470.00, and Guardian Dental \$487.30 for a total of \$61,813.71. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0; motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by O'Mara, carried. All ayes.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C., Grayling Township Clerk

### MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE — Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edward L. WARE and Cathryn M. WARE, husband and wife to ROCK FINANCIAL CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated May 31, 1997 and recorded on June 11, 1997 in Liber 431, on Page 392, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the EQUITY ONE CREDIT CORPORATION, as an assignee by an assignment dated December 2, 1997 which was recorded on December 3, 1997 in Liber 442, on Page 426, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve and 70/100 dollars (\$190,812.70), including interest at 11.725% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on February 18, 1998.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH, Crawford County, Michigan, and described as:

PARCEL 15: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 19 for a Point of Beginning; thence S 0 degrees 06 minutes 15 seconds E along Section line 331.23 feet; thence N 89 degrees 57 minutes 03 seconds W 1318.63 feet; thence N 0 degrees 07 minutes W along 1/8th line 332.0 feet to the 1/8th corner; thence S 89 degrees 55 minutes E along the Section line 1318.7 feet to the Point of beginning, being part of the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4, Section 19, T25N, R2W.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 8, 1998  
EQUITY ONE CREDIT CORPORATION  
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
(248) 642-4202  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for EQUITY ONE CREDIT CORPORATION  
30150 Telegraph  
Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025  
File # 97119167

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE — Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael J. HARMER, a single man and Shanna A. DIX (Original Mortgagors) to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated October 22, 1996 and recorded on October 25, 1996 in Liber 420, on Page 219-226, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., as an assignee by an assignment dated November 14, 1996 which was recorded on January 17, 1997 in Liber 424, on Page 128, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Six and 71/100 (\$76,556.71), including interest at 7.50% per annum; Adjustable Rate Mortgage. Interest rate may change on 1/1 of each year.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, February 18, 1998.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 16, EAST BRANCH ESTATES, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 8, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 8, 1998  
COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.  
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
(248) 642-4202  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.  
30150 Telegraph  
Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025  
File # 97120411

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### MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

ROBERT A. TREMIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE — Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by PEGGY S. RICE AND COREY D. RICE, JOINT TENANTS to AAA MORTGAGE & FINANCIAL CORPORATION, A MICHIGAN CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated September 18, 1996 and recorded on October 16, 1996 in Liber 419, on Page 428, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION, by an assignment dated September 18, 1996 which was recorded on April 8, 1997, in Liber 427, on Page 551, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty Eight and 23/100 dollars (\$48,448.23), including interest at 12.500% per annum, with adjustable rate rider.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on February 18, 1998.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Thence North 233.0 Feet for the place of beginning, Thence North 100.0 Feet, Thence West 150.0 Feet to the Place of beginning. Being part of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: 1-15-98

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date of such sale.  
Dated: January 8, 1998  
CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION  
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage  
Robert A. Tremm & Associates, P.C.  
401 South Old Woodward Avenue  
Suite 300  
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616  
File # 2666469

### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 97 4199 CK (M)  
CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING  
REHABILITATION  
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION,  
Plaintiff  
VS  
HOWARD D. BERGER, TERRY E.  
BERGER, MARTIN P. POTZGER AND  
GEORGIA L. POTZGER,  
Defendants

David R. Sabin P19822  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
115 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(517) 348-5588  
NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that by virtue of a Judgement of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, Michigan, dated December 1, 1997, directing the sale of the following-described property, I shall offer the said property for public sale to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse at 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan in Crawford County, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court on Friday, February 20, 1998 at 10:00 a.m.

The West 60 feet of Lot 2, Block 3, Brink's Second Addition, according to the recorded plat thereof, and the attached mobile home, Serial No. 0292, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

Dated: 1-15-98

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### NOTICE Agenda Approval Policy Crawford County Regular Board Meeting

It is necessary for all discussion topics and correspondence for emplacement on the Crawford County Regular Board of Commissioners meeting agendas to be submitted to Commissioner John Hartman c/o the Crawford County Clerk's office by no later than noon on the Thursdays prior to the meeting dates.

Chairperson John Hartman  
Crawford County Board of Commissioners  
January 22, 1998

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### NOTICE The Crawford County Board 1998 February Meeting Schedule

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners rescheduled the February 10, 1998 Ways & Means and regular board meetings to be held at the county building on:

Thursday, February 12, 1998  
Crawford County Ways & Means - 8 am  
Crawford County Regular Board - 9 am

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### GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Grayling Township Board will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on February 10, 1998, beginning at 7 pm, in the conference room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (M-72 West), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the proposed draft of the Grayling Township Recreation Plan.

Copies of the proposed Recreation Plan for Grayling Township are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the Plan may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361 or FAX (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.  
Grayling township Clerk

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The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are accepting applications from county residents interested in serving on the County Planning Commission. This appointment requires attendance of monthly meetings to discuss community issues which encompass the planning and growth of our community. This appointment will require effort and dedication to achieve quality success in community requirements for Crawford County growth.

Applicants are to be residents of Crawford County and may submit applications through January 30, 1998, to: Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738

Sandra Moore  
Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds  
1/5/98

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For The Week Of February 1-7

ARIES

March 21-April 20

If you're looking at how you can achieve more in life, start with how you've labeled yourself. Are you packaging your abilities in the most profitable way? Watch your spending habits closely this week—you can easily lose control of your budget.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

It's not in your nature to be naturally forgiving, but this week is going to offer you a chance to show a little mercy. Take it. Don't mistake interest on the part of a coworker in what you do as interest in you. The results could embarrass you both.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

Don't give in too easily this week. You could have something you really want if you'll just stand firm long enough to get it. Spend your spare time troubleshooting your personal relationships. Don't forget your checkbook if you go out this weekend.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

A business luncheon could become more personal than you expected. Think ahead before pursuing something you believe you want, then go after it full speed. Avoid long trips this weekend. They may spell trouble. Seek some quiet time for yourself and return refreshed.

LEO

July 23-August 23

You'll find yourself falling short this week when it comes to communicating what you need to get the job done. Your creative approach could be the answer to a problem that's been a thorn in your side for way too long.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

Even though you may be ahead on a project that could make or break your future, avoid wasting time in idle conversation. You might miss something small that could cost you the entire project. This is the time to stay focused.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

Listen to a wise friend for advice on a personal problem. Don't trust your first reaction to advice you don't want to hear. How you view the future may depend on how you treat the present. This is a good week to work on self-improvement.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

Take the high road when dealing with someone you traditionally find difficult. Your best bet is to minimize your involvement—there could be more going on than first meets your eye.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

You may feel like you have enough energy to conquer the world this week, but don't be fooled. A job that looks easy on Monday may become the straw that breaks your back by Thursday. Approach a new project with enthusiasm—just don't take your ability to handle it for granted.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

Take aim at a long-term goal and you'll most likely hit your target head on. You have some important allies in place and don't even know it. Take a risk you normally wouldn't take in order to make a plan you are implementing come together.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

Only you can prevent a major breakdown at home. Take a little extra time to look around and see what needs attention. Your natural ability to make friends out of enemies is going to be important this week.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

Something you've been looking for will turn up at home in an unexpected place. Use your intuition this week to play an important role in a friend's life. You have an unusually high level of stress at work, but expect it to subside by week's end. Spend some money on someone you love.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Nutty Coconut Bars

(Makes 24 bars)

1 2/3 c. oil-purpose flour  
2 T. sugar  
1/2 c. margarine, softened

1/2 c. semi-sweet chocolate morsels

1/2 c. premier white morsels  
3/4 c. flaked coconut  
1 can (15 oz.) sweetened condensed skimmed milk  
3/4 c. chopped walnuts

1. Combine flour and sugar in small bowl. Cut in margarine. Press evenly in bottom of 11 x 7x1 1/2-inch glass baking dish. Microwave at HIGH (100%) for 3 minutes or until set, rotating dish a half turn once during cooking time.

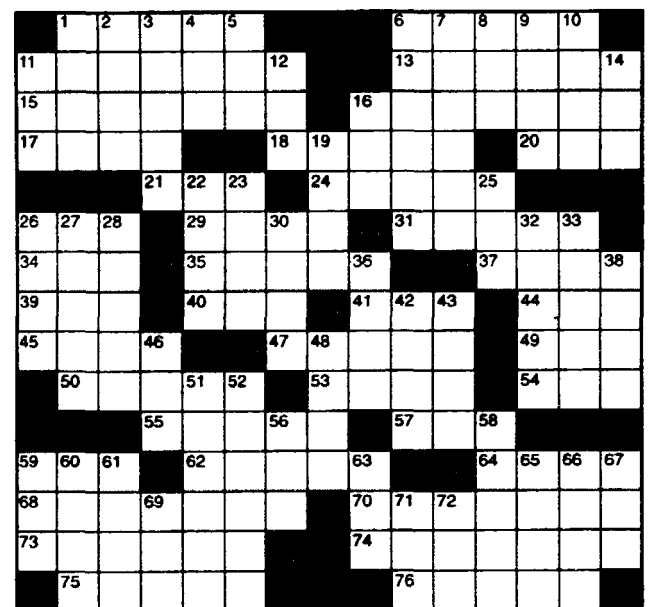
2. Sprinkle chocolate and white morsels evenly over warm crust. Then, sprinkle with coconut. Pour sweetened condensed milk evenly over coconut. Top with walnuts.

3. Microwave at HIGH for 7 minutes, rotating dish a half turn once during cooking time. Remove from microwave oven. Let cool several hours or overnight before cutting into bars.

One Bar: 208 calories, 3g protein, 10 g fat, 0 cholesterol, 26g carbohydrates, 70 mg sodium.



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- Conversation topic
- Expressed anguish
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- Evangelist
- Major finale
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A LOOK AT OUR PAST  
FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO  
January 23, 1975

Bear Archery, the largest industry in Grayling, will have a workforce of 470 following the elimination of the third shift. It should be noted that the firm employed 547 on Feb. 1, 1974.

Ben (Berny) Berman owner of the Price Mart Furniture Company, Grayling, has been named Business Chairman for the 1975 March of Dimes, campaign.

Grayling to celebrate the 50th annual winter sports festival Feb. 7-8-9.

State Sen. Robert W. Davis was sworn in Wednesday for the new term which sees him assume the leadership of Senate Republicans.

Seven students from Crawford County have been named to the academic honors list at Central Michigan University. They are: Janet C. Newberry, Lynn Marie Akers, John H. Alef, Patricia A. Christian, Ruth V. Stanton, James E. Tobin and William H. Weideman.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin W. Apps of Roscommon on Jan. 16, a son, Benjamin Bradley, weighing 8 lbs.

Nineteenth century outlaws, train robbers, shoot-outs and desperadoes are usually connected with the wild west. Not necessarily so, says Roy L. Dodge, of St. Johns, author of the popular series of Michigan Ghost Town books. Michigan had its share of outlaws and fighting heroes during the logging days of the 1800's and the story is told in his book titled, *Ticket to Hell — A Saga of Michigan Badmen*.

46 YEARS AGO  
January 23, 1952

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Babbitt are

the proud parents of an eight pound baby boy, born at Mercy Hospital Jan. 20.

Marlene Jensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jensen of the Hatwick Pines has completed the course at Bay City Business College.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Babbitt are happy over the arrival of a son at Mercy Hospital on Jan. 20.

Ted McEvers, Richard Bielski and John H. Peterson spent Saturday and Sunday at Selfridge Field to attend reserve training school.

Allen Leng left Frederic Sunday night for Detroit to drive home a new pickup.

H. M3 Larry McNamara, left Friday for Pendleton Point, Calif., to await orders to be shipped to Korea. He had spent a week with his mother, Mrs. C.J. McNamara. His uncle, Larry LeMieux drove him to Kalkaska, where he joined another young man also leaving for the west.

Martha Stillwagon and Claudette Long with the assistance of Mrs. Jean Brown were hostesses at a surprise birthday party for Martha's mother, Mrs. Louis Stillwagon on Jan. 14. Ten ladies were present. Bunco was played. Mrs. Ed Gierke held high score and Miss Jean Rasmussen received consolation prize. A tasty lunch was served and Mrs. Stillwagon received many lovely gifts.

69 YEARS AGO  
January 24, 1929

John Connor of Detroit has purchased the Burton Hotel from Rasmus Rasmusson.

Mrs. Hansine Hanson is having extensive repairs made on her building on Cedar Street formerly occu-

pied as the Huber Meat Market.

Miss Ferne Armstrong had the misfortune to suffer a dislocation of her hip in a tobaggan mishap at Lake Margrethe slide last Sunday night.

Wm. H. Moshier has purchased the Thomas Cassidy building on Norway Street, where his son, Harry, will open a coal yard and supply company.

Misses Mary and Alyce Mahneke, who are twins, were honor guests at a birthday dinner and party given by Mrs. Rasmus Jorgenson on Thursday. The young ladies are twin daughters of Otto Mahneke, caretaker at the Hartwick Memorial Pines.

A. Mr. Warner from the southern part of the state has bought a piece of land across from what has always been called the "Indian farm." He will build and clear up a farm there.

Prof. Ed Clark and family have moved back from Gaylord into their home on Cedar Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Hanson left Tuesday to attend the auto show in Detroit.

Jess Bobenmoyer has purchased what is known as the Goupil house, corner of Cedar and Ogemaw streets, now occupied by Eldore LaBrash as a home and store. This was property of the Palmer estate. Also the property occupied by John Schram as a blacksmith shop and owned by the Palmer estate was sold to Tony Nelson who in turn has sold it to Mr. Schram.

92 YEARS AGO  
January 25, 1906

Sylvester Brott of Beaver Creek has been granted a pension for disabilities following his service in the Cuban War.

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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

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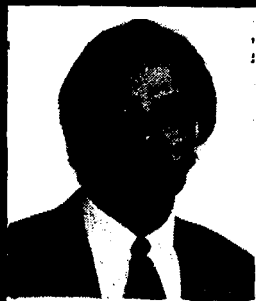
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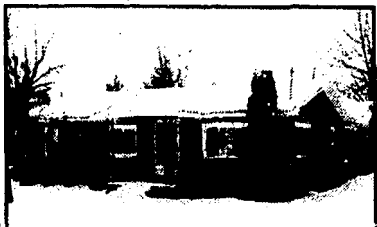
**GET-AWAY COTTAGE** Newly-painted interior and floor coverings go with this cute three bedroom, one bath retreat. Features porch, and woodstove heat for added comfort. Be ready to ride when the snow flies! \$39,900. CS-343



**LOG HOME ON THE AU SABLE RIVER MAIN-STREAM** 2.8 acres with secluded 287' frontage. 2,286 sq. ft. with vaulted beamed ceilings, master bedroom suite with Jacuzzi and steam bath, marble and pine flooring, splitstone fireplace, brick foyer, custom lighting, swimming pool, hot tub, satellite, shuffleboard court, sprinkling system, brick BBQ, central A/C. Many other extras. Looking for that unique property? Reduced, \$249,000 land contract terms. CH-441



**HOME IN THE CITY** Offering low-maintenance vinyl siding and replacement windows, new roof, furnace, electrical and plumbing, privacy fencing in back yard, two bedrooms, bathroom recently remodeled. \$48,900 CS-635



**709 PLUM STREET**, all of the cities amenities, corner lot with adjoining lot available. Well maintained ranch style home offering 1,154 sq. ft., four bedroom, partially finished full basement, vinyl replacement windows, drywall interior, garage, landscaped, concrete drive. New offering at \$49,500. CH-702



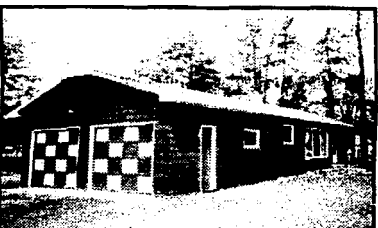
**ENCHANTING COTTAGE IN THE WOODS** One-to-two bedroom, 1.5 bath offers 820 sq. ft. with gas heat and two woodstoves. Half basement, knotty pine kitchen cabinets. Bedroom offers walk-out patio door into back yard. Secluded setting close to Roscommon. \$42,900. CS-624



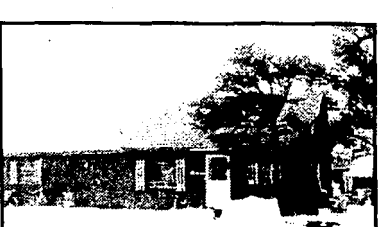
**BEAUTIFUL WOODED GROUNDS ON .85 ACRES WITH 319' ON E. BRANCH AU SABLE RIVER** 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath offers 1,232 sq. ft. with gas forced-air heat. 30x32 family sized recreational room with woodstove, charming living room with brick gas-log fireplace, with fantastic view of the AuSable River. Screened porch for outside entertaining. Paneling throughout, acoustic tile ceilings. Master suite offers private bath with garden tub and shower. 7x9 sauna off recreation room. Appliances include stove and refrigerator. Kitchen offers snack bar. Exterior cedar-shake siding. 2 car detached garage. Four miles northeast of Grayling. \$89,900 CS-687



**CAPE COD** in a secluded country setting. Four bedroom, two bath, full basement. 32x36 pole barn, sliding door wall out to wrap around deck. Nicely wooded lot located near Higgins Lake. This home is only 3 years old, drywall interior and oak cabinets. \$83,900 CH-703



**QUITE, YOUNG, CONVENIENT NEIGHBORHOOD!** Three bedrooms, one bath offers 1,080 sq. ft. Walk-out patio door off dining room. Large picture window and free-standing fireplace in living room. Appliances include stove, refrigerator and dishwasher. 2 car attached garage. Conveniently located close to schools, town and recreational activities. \$46,500 CS-682



**1446 S. STEPHAN BRIDGE RD.** Excellent opportunity for that handyman. 3 bedroom home fronting blacktop. 2 1/2 acres. Large living room with doorwall. Close to AuSable river and state trail system. Great potential for only \$40,000. CH-704



**FOR THOSE WHO DREAM OF ENCHANTING DELIGHTS...** This home is a dream come true! Large master suite offers private bath and walk-in closet. 1,800 sq. ft. with natural gas hot water baseboard heat and gas log woodstove. Three bedrooms, two full baths. Kitchen offers beautiful knotty oak cabinets. Walk-out patio door onto deck. Brick and cedar exterior, attached, finished, heated garage. One acre of beautiful mixed hardwoods. Close to town, but private setting. \$124,000 CS-654



**THREE ACRES** with additional 6 1/2 acres available. Andersen windows, Blazeking woodstove, 12x20 barn, 24x24 garage, private setting. Just listed. \$47,000. Additional acreage at \$9,200. CH-673

#### I. Real Estate

**JUST COMPLETED THREE BEDROOM, 1 1/2 bath, two car garage, natural gas heat, two miles from Grayling, \$85,000. 333 Redwing Terrace. Call 348-8945 or 348-4068. -10/23/97tf/1**

#### I. Real Estate

**PRICE REDUCED, \$39,500, two bedroom, one bath, vacant, 300 Huron St. (one block from Cornell Insurance on M-72 East), was \$44,500. 348-4055. 11/13/97tf/1**

#### I. Real Estate

**AUSABLE RIVER** home on Wendy Lane. Lovely four bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Chalet. Fireplace, attached 1 1/2 car garage, furnished. Beautiful setting on 10 acres with 175 ft. frontage. Owner very anxious. Reduced to \$139,000. Call Hamrick Real Estate Co. P.C. Phone or fax, 517-348-5433, evenings 348-8336. 12/18/97tf/1

**FOR SALE BY OWNER** Private setting, less than one block from Lake Margrethe. Four bedrooms, two baths, finished basement, two garages, large lot. Adjacent lots also available. \$120,000 O.B.O. Call 348-5104. -22-29-5/1

**NEWLY BUILT** 1,250 sq. ft., three bedroom, attached garage. 123'x165' lot, Karen Woods subdivision. 6174 Libby. \$72,500. 348-4840. -15-22-29-5/1

**FOR SALE OR RENT** Two-three bedroom, vinyl sided, partial log home. New 4" well, furnace and carpet. Near AuSable River state land. Contact 517-348-7355. 12-4-97tf/1

**HUNTING CAMP** 10-80 acres w/ cabins, can divide. Surrounded by state land, \$14,000 - \$112,000. N. Grayling, MI. Financing possible. 616-947-1990. 11/20/97tf/1

**FOR SALE** Grayling City home with garage, immediate occupancy. 135 Fulton. \$32,500. 517-348-4408. 1/22/98tf/1

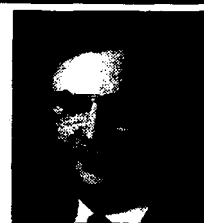
**AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES** Large wooded lots, a log home association development. Park, cable, underground utilities, near AuSable River and Kneff Lake. Land contract terms by owner. Contact 517-348-7355, Grayling. 12/29/97tf/1

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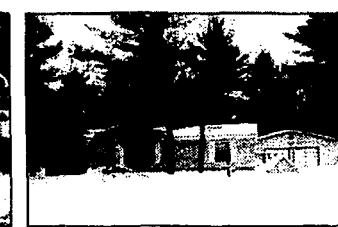
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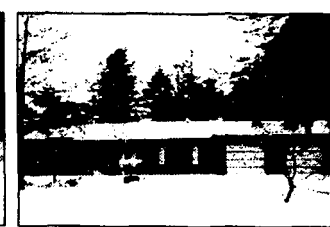
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**607 MAPLE ST.** is the location on this charming older home. 3 bedroom 1 3/4 baths, basement. Large kitchen, hardwood floors in dining and living room. Includes appliances. Fenced in area for dog or garden. \$55,000 (LM-961)



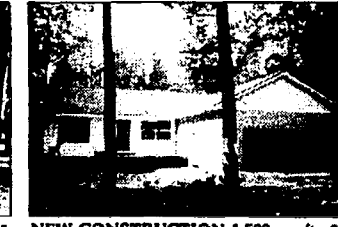
**ATTENTION SPORTSMEN** adjoins state land and close to snowmobile trail with a large garage to store the toys. Plus a 3-bedroom, 2-bath home, fireplace, satellite dish. Lots of cupboards and includes stove, refrigerator and dishwasher. 2 1/2 wooded acres. \$79,900 (LM-962)



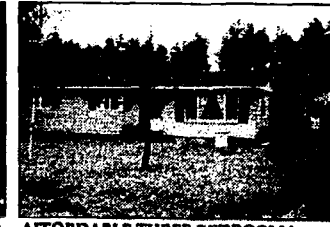
**CLOSE ACCESS** to state land. AuSable River and snowmobile trails with lots of room in this oversized garage and storage area to store the toys. 2 bedroom home with a wood burner in the family room. Large wooded lot. \$39,000 (MC-530)



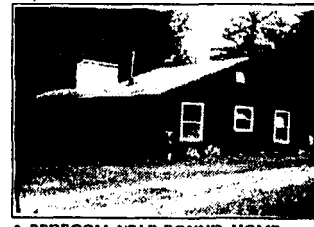
**M-72 EAST IS THE LOCATION** of this 3 bedroom mobile home with roof over. New furnace. Includes stove and refrigerator, 24x40 garage and satellite dish, plus your own trout pond. \$46,900. (DL-94)



**NEW CONSTRUCTION** 1,500 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, garage and full basement. Quality! Located on 2 1/2 secluded acres with large trees. Must see! \$121,000. (JW-73)



**AFFORDABLE THREE-BEDROOM** home offers 1,306 sq. ft., family room, one bath, newer roof and furnace, two-car garage, on wooded .71 acre lot close to town. \$49,700 (KM-21)



**2 BEDROOM YEAR-ROUND HOME** on 3 large lots. 900 sq. ft., 2 car garage with 2 attached carports, garden area & all appliances. Only four years old. Lots of charm and only 1/2 miles from Bear Lake access. \$59,000 (DM-44)



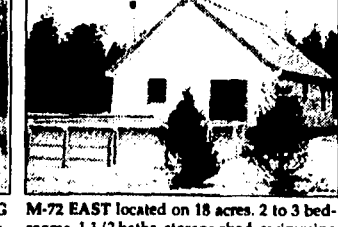
**TEN ACRES OF PRIVACY** this beautiful, well-maintained home offers 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, full finished basement, 2 car garage, and that country feeling. Many more features too numerous to mention. \$110,000 (DM-46)



**HUNTERS, FISHERMEN AND SNOWMOBILERS!** 1 room cabin with electricity, heat and water. Built in bunks, outside john and 20x24 garage with electricity and shower. Close access for the sportsman. \$18,900 (BK-37)



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**M-72 EAST** located on 18 acres. 2 to 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, storage shed, swimming pool. Includes stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer. \$74,500 (DL-100)



**CUTE 2 BEDROOM**, full log home with 100' frontage on Lake Marjory, south of Waters on Old 27. One-car garage with ample storage. Guest house with kitchenette and bath. Home has natural gas fireplace, recently remodeled bath and kitchen. Excellent hunting area with state land outside the door. Includes appliances. \$139,900 Reduced \$119,900 (SG-22)



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**FOR RENT** Newly redecorated two bedroom house w/attached garage, in country, eight miles south of Grayling. \$500 per month plus references and security deposit. 517-275-4126. -29-5-12/2

**NEWLY DECORATED** two bedroom apartment, on the river, in Grayling. Opening Jan. 12. Call 348-1984. -29-5/2

**FOR RENT:** Small efficiency unit for single working person, furnished, includes utilities cable hook-up. \$280 per month, deposit \$160. Call 348-5433. Evenings, 348-8336. -1/15/98tf/2

**FOR RENT** two bedroom with refrigerator, stove, washer/dryer and two car garage. No pets. \$400 month. 348-2418. -29/2

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**TWO BEDROOM CARPETED DUPLEX** near Lake Margrethe, with carport, refrigerator, stove and natural gas heat. \$425 plus utilities and security. Responsible adults with references. Very low heat bills. Cable ready. 348-5230. -29-5/2

**2. For Rent**

**RENTAL** 12x65, two bedroom, furnished mobile home. \$350. Grayling Mobile Home Estates. Security deposit required. No pets. Non smokers only. Call 517-348-5311. -22-29/2

**TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT** downtown. \$450 month plus deposit. No pets. Non smokers preferred. 348-4840. -22-29/2

**ONE BEDROOM HOUSE** downtown Grayling. \$300 per month, \$400 security deposit, lease. 517-348-4443. -22-29/2

**HOUSE FOR RENT** in Grayling. One bedroom, all appliances, two car garage. \$425 per month plus security deposit. 348-5372. No pets. -22-29/2

**CABIN FOR RENT:** on the river. Nightly or weekly. 517-348-8350. 9/9/97tf/2

**RENTAL UNITS AVAILABLE** February 1, 1998. House with kitchen, living room, two bedrooms and sun porch. Completely remodeled with new stove and ref. Close to hospital and elementary school. No animals. \$395 required. Call 348-4006 between 9:00-5:30. 29-5/2

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**TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX** Spruce Street, \$350 per month. Northwood rentals. 517-275-5225. 1/29/98tf/2

**APARTMENT FOR RENT** downtown Grayling, 402 Peninsular. Studio apartment \$275 per month plus utilities. Great apartment for single working person, call 348-7143. -29/2

**TWO BEDROOM 14X70 trailer** for rent. Eight miles west of Grayling, just off M-72, close to store. Partially furnished, washer and dryer. \$400 month plus security deposit. Phone 517-275-4856, evenings. -29-5-12-19/2

**\$115 INSLEY** two bedroom house near Lake Margrethe, appliances included, utilities not included. No pets. \$385 month plus \$300 security deposit. Phone, Guy, 348-5998. -29/2

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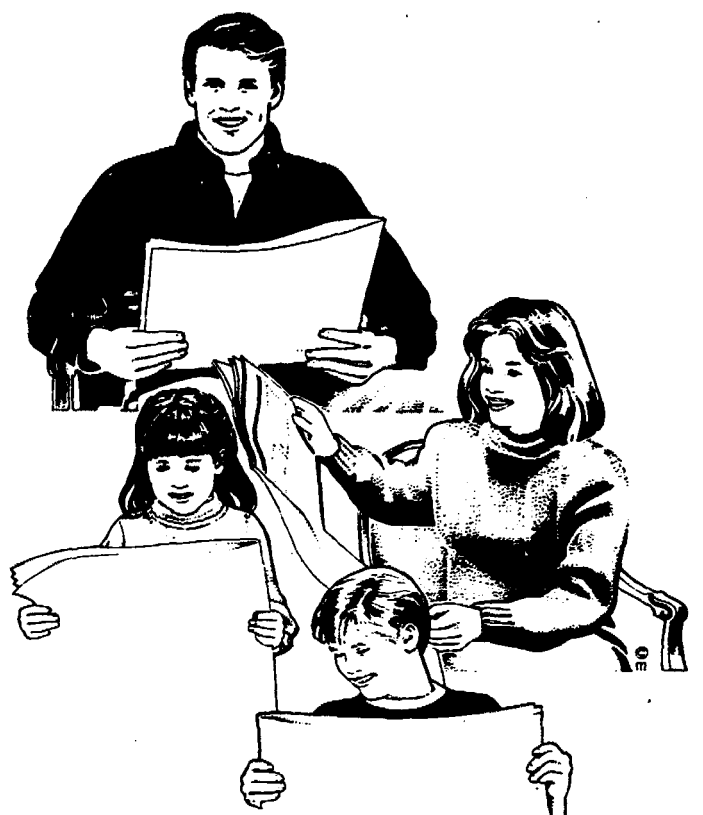
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### 3. Employment

**HOME WORKERS NEEDED** Easy craft/wood/sewing assembly \$300-\$600/wk. Materials provided. Free info. pkg. 24 hr. 707-256-0138.  
-8-15-22-29/3

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**ADVERTISE STATEWIDE:** \$239 buys a 25-word classified ad (\$5 for each additional word) Offering a 1,700,000 circulation in newspapers across Michigan. Call the **Avalanche** at 348-6811 for details..

### 5. For Sale

**SEASONED OAK FIRE WOOD** \$40 per cord delivered and stacked. Leave message. 348-6340. LR1/29/98/5

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**VACATION PHOTOS** ticket stubs, programs and brochures stacking up? J. Dap Co. offers scrapbook classes Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. Call for more information and get your new year organized!! 348-4011.  
-22-29-5-12/5

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### 5. For Sale

**COME EARLY TO SPIKE'S** for our Friday night fish fry. Just \$5.95, adults, \$3.25 for kids, beginning at 4 p.m.  
1/15/98td/5

**FOR SALE '93** We-No-Nah Encounter Kevlar Solo Tripper, \$900. 517-821-5707. -22-29/5

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### 5. Announcements

**GET ORGANIZED** for the new year! J. Dap Co. 118 Michigan Ave. has scrapbooking supplies and classes. Classes are Wednesday night from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 which includes three pages of scrapbook supplies. Creating Keepsakes Magazine and The 1998 Idea Annual are available now! Call 348-4011 for more details. -22-29-5-12/8

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**WELCOME WAGON HOSTESSES** Call Betty Mansfield, 348-8562, or Mary Lou Passmore, 348-5816, if you are a newcomer, engaged or a new mother. 8/3/85td/8

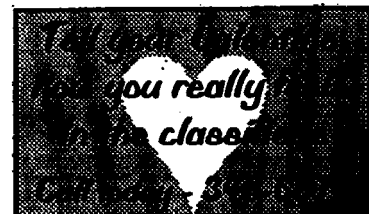
**ADULT FOSTER CARE** has openings in the Kalkaska, Grayling area. 616-258-3402. -15-22-29/8

**SPIKE'S** now has lunch specials. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mon. - Fri. -1/22/98td/8

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**ENJOY LUNCH AT SPIKE'S** and come in after work for our nightly specials. -29-5/8

**GRAYLING UPTOWN** District Assoc. will be having a special meeting on Tues. Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m., at the Iron Gate. Discussion will be on changing our name and focusing on organization. -29/8



**AVALANCHE OFFICE HOURS:** Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

### 7. Miscellaneous

**Chill Out To Some Hot Tunes**  
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**SEWING, SEWING, SEWING** Bridal to zippers, tailoring to mending. Call Shirley, 348-1348. 5/18/96td/4

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\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.70	\$3.90	\$3.90	\$4.00	\$4.10	
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**CLASSIFIEDS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE BY TUESDAY NOON**

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

South Branch Township will receive sealed bids for a '1992' Value Point/Unisys' computer, 486DX/25 MHz, 4 MB Memory/Super VGA Color Display.

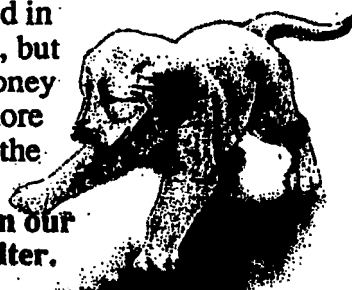
Interested parties to contact treasurer for more information.

Bids to be in by noon Feb. 10, 1998.

South Branch Township Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects in bids, and to accept bids in any manner deemed in its own best interest.

Laura Smith, Clerk  
South branch Township

Are you interested in getting a new pet, but don't have the money to pay high pet store prices? We have the perfect solution: Adopt a pet from our local animal shelter.



Our shelter has a variety of cats and dogs that don't have a home or a loving family to care for them. Come and take a look at these animals that are just waiting to be loved by your family. You're sure to fall in love with at least one!

**Animal Shelter of Crawford County**  
**508 1/2 Huron St.**  
**348-4117**

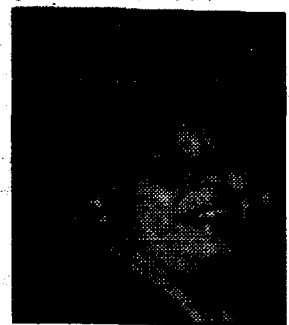




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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
Mom?!



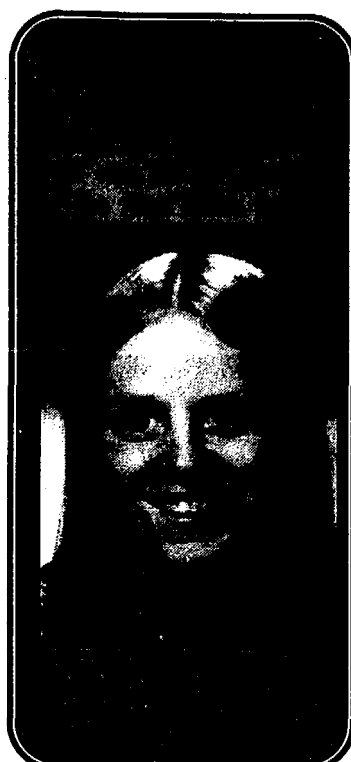
Love, Your Daughters?  
and The Rest Of The Gang!  
Happy B-day, Mom!

XXXXX  
Me Too! N

11. Automotive

9. Personals

**A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD** can  
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For Rent Classifieds. (517) 348-  
6811



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10. Garage Sales

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11. Automotive

**FOR SALE '93 BUICK Skylark.**  
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-22-29/11

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due to holidays or special publi-  
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**Send a Valentine's Greeting  
to the Love of your Life**

*In the Avalanche's Classifieds*

**Husbands, wives, friends, children, parents, grandparents...**

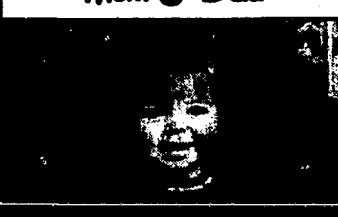
Your message will appear in the classified section of the  
Avalanche on **February 12th**. All messages must be received at  
the Avalanche office no later than **February 9th**.

Here are some examples and prices...

**Happy Valentine's Day**  
Grandma  
Love, Steve & Jamie

Your message: 1 col. x 1" - \$5.60

**Happy Valentine's Day**  
Mom & Dad



Love, Meghan

**TO MY VALENTINE**  
Good times and bad  
times, we've had them  
all. I still love you and  
always will. Dana

20 word message - \$4

Your photo w/message:  
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**MOM & DAD** Happy day to the  
best parents ever. Thanks for  
your love and guidance, and for  
all you've done for us. We love  
you both. Brenda & Rick

30 word message - \$5

**Surprise the loved ones in your life...  
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**Monday**

**T' AI CHI YOGA**

**6:30 - 7:30 pm 7:30 - 9 pm**

**Location: Grayling High School**

**Fee: \$25 per class of \$40 for both**

Learn the ancient Chinese soft martial art of **T' ai chi**. Its beautiful, slow dance-like move-  
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and digestive systems while providing flexibility  
and relaxation. Wear loose, comfortable  
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ket.

**Instructor: Kay Thomas-Hogan**

**Monday**

**Oil Painting • 7 - 9 pm**

**Location: Grayling High School**

**Fee: \$30 Plus you own supplies**

Basic starter and continuation course, stu-  
dents will study basic concepts such as color  
wheel, shading techniques and proportion tech-  
niques.

**Instructor: Penny Sendek**

**Tuesday**

**Watercolor/Drawing**

**7 - 9 pm**

**Location: Grayling High School**

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wheel, shading techniques and proportion tech-  
niques.

**Instructor: Sherry Graciano**

**Tuesday**

**Circuit Training**

**7 - 8 pm**

**Location: Newly-expanded  
Hardbodyz Health & Fitness  
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Industrial Park**

**Fee: \$35 • 8-week course**

Circuit training class for adults both young  
and old, active or inactive, to begin getting in  
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training involves a set of exercises on  
user-friendly exercise machines arranged in  
an identifiable circuit stations. Exercisers  
perform a specific exercise for a set time and  
then proceed to the next station. An instruc-  
tor is present during the class to guide and  
encourage the exercisers.

**Woodshop • 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

**Location: Grayling High School**

**Fee: \$30 Plus you own supplies**

Individualized program to work on your own  
projects.

**Wednesday**

**Intro to Computers**

**6 - 9 pm**

**Location: Grayling High School**

**Fee: \$50**

This course is a 15-week introductory  
course to computer usage. The basic objec-  
tive is to acquaint students with an applica-  
tion program which will perform spreadsheet,  
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Specifically the Microsoft Works program will  
be used, with the South-Western bok  
Microsoft Works Tutorial and Applications  
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**Instructor: Pete Ingvarsson**

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**CHINA:** April 20 - May 9, June 29 - July 18, September 14 - October 3, October 5 - 24,  
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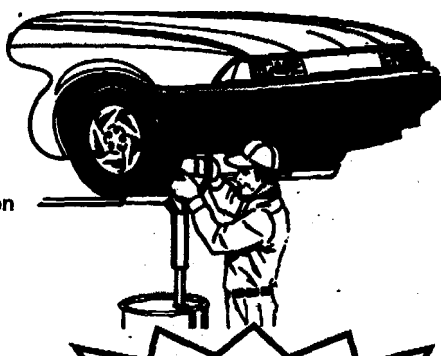
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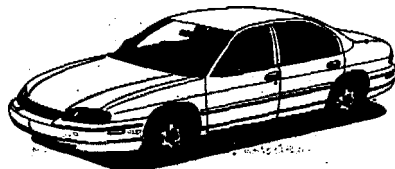
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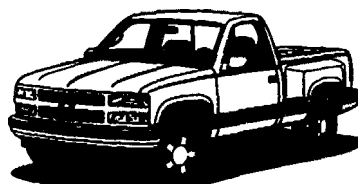
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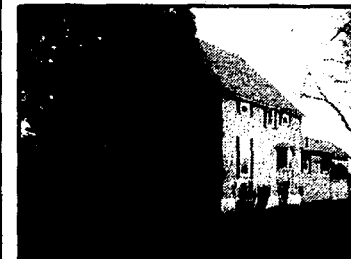
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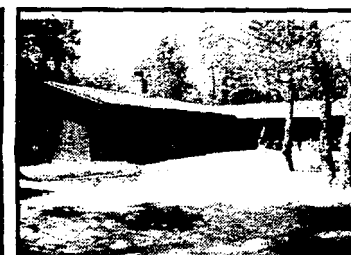
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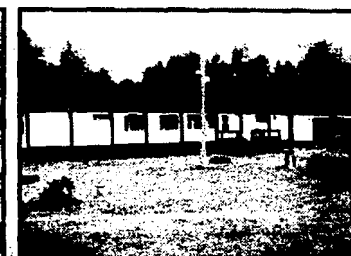
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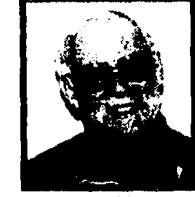
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